

# **Mayor's Multicultural Council**

## **Chair Report**

### **September 3, 2015**

#### **Bylaws**

- The copy of the bylaws draft that was approved by unanimous vote during the July meeting has been submitted to the Mayor's office for final approval and implementation.

#### **Race Discussion**

- Thursday, October 29, 2015 – 6pm
- Ferguson Library Downtown
- Professor Yohuru Williams (Fairfield University) and Lynn Sullivan (PhD Candidate – Columbia University)

#### **2016 MLK All About Education Day**

- Saturday, January 16, 2016
- Venues being vetting

#### **John Leydon**

- Resigned on August 10, 2015 due to possible conflict given position with land use

#### **Secretary Vacancy**

- We need to develop a schedule for members to share the responsibilities through December. In January, a new leadership team will begin and hopefully a secretary will be in position.

#### **Newspaper Article**

- The article regarding Black restaurants that appeared in the Stamford Advocate on August 28, 2015 included many inaccurate quotes and the data was incorrect regarding tracking of the state spend with MBEs (minority, women and disabled businesses).
- The State of Connecticut does have tracking tool for agencies spend with MBE
  - **Small/Minority Business Compliance Program Quarterly Reports**  
<http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=474>
  - **Supplier Diversity Program Information**  
<http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=222>
- Additionally, my statement included there was an opportunity for more diverse restaurants including Native American. Plus subject matter experts that were provided to the reporter were not contacted.

#### **Protocol**