

Canal Winchester

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10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Conversation with Council Town Hall Meeting Minutes - Final

June 23, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

A. Call To Order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Yes 6 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

Absent 1 – Walker

Coolman said Mr. Walker will not be in attendance tonight due to a family medical situation.

C. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person

Coolman said welcome everybody and hopefully you can see us on the screen, we see a blurred vision of you right now and hopefully it will clear up. To make note of a few housekeeping items in the senior center there are thirty seats available, we are maintaining the social distancing rules put forth by Governor DeWine. We you get done speaking if you so desire to remain in the room you can or if the chairs are full and someone else wants to come in that would be accommodating. Also, speak clearly and into the microphone, there is about a one to two second delay in transmitting your message to us and we will do the same in response. This meeting is to cover city business, development, financial; if you want to speak about any comments or personal opinions about the behavior of individual council members it will not be tolerated, this is not to be focused on any individual, we are here as a unified group and we are here to help and here to answer questions directly between the residents and council. We understand the format is difficult and you don't get to interact directly with us but we are trying to accommodate that. The time limit for each speaker will be a five minute time limit and have a lot of speakers that are attending and please use the podium, and if there is a repeat of topic and your points have been covered and you feel like your questions have been answered it is okay to say my questions have been answered and then we will move on to the next one and that is pretty much it, so without further adieu we can get started. I have an initial list and folks are grouped by topics. Coolman called a resident on the list to the podium.

Jenna Acklin came forward to speak. Good evening, my name is Jenna Acklin. I moved into my home in downtown Canal Winchester (CW) fifteen years ago. I was married in CW and had two children here, my children are now fifteen and nine, Max and Mira. I have seen racism in CW from the beginning. I have met neighbors who are lifelong residents of CW who would lament about how it is just not the same town they grew up in. This always led to complaining that it all went to hell once they brought in the blacks north of 33. Please know when I say that I am cleaning up their language. In recent years I have been pleased to welcome loving neighbors who have moved in to replace some of the ones who left because of this. After the death of George Floyd, my daughter Mira, who is nine years old, asked why people were protesting. I explained as best I could in nine-year-old terms that some people do not like other people because of their skin color. She was devastated; she could not imagine someone hating one of her best friends because she was black. She asked if she could go to the CW protest. We were leaving for vacation so we were not able to attend. Upon return, Mira asked if there was another protest in CW and I said not today. She said mom, can I chalk black lives matters because I want them to know they are loved. Absolutely, I told her. She chucked in front of our driveway on the side of the road. When she was done, our neighbor came out on her telephone screaming she did it in the street real big letters I told you

this neighborhood is going to hell I told you this neighborhood is going to hell. The neighbor went back inside her house. I am assuming this is when she called the sheriff's department and reported vandalism and screaming in the street. Two sheriff's cruisers pulled up and said its chalk. The reassured my daughter she had done nothing wrong and encouraged her to continue speaking out; they said they agreed with her message and said she should be proud. Thursday, I contacted Sgt. Hendershot to praise his deputies. Friday, Christopher Burton contacted me and asked if he could come and thank Mira and his twelve-year-old daughter, Kalese, wanted to chalk with her. It was beautiful. Christopher became emotional thanking Mira and explaining to Kalese that he wants so much better for her than what he has experienced. ABC picked up on this story about Mira and asked if they could come over; they interviewed Chris and Kalese about why they had come; they interviewed Mira and then were starting to interview me. It is at this time the neighbor's daughter pulled up, got out of her truck wearing a gun holstered around her waist, entered my property and first confronted my fifteen-year-old son telling him she will take care of him while placing her hand on her holstered weapon. She then turned her threats towards me and she said she could take care of me the old-fashioned way multiple times; she attempted to bait me onto the street to fight her. Chris stepped between me and this woman putting his life at risk to protect me, a stranger. Her focused then switched to him and Kalese, she spewed hate and Kalese was in tears. There were at least ten children playing together when this happened and all of the children ran to comfort Kalese; it was terrible and beautiful. The children were all scared and shaken but all of the parents have contacted me to say they are thankful their children have a better understanding of racism and the need to speak up. This story has gone viral. Instead of looking at this as bad publicity for Canal, I am calling on you to turn it into the opposite. Now is the time for CW to come together and stand up and speak with the children that racism will not be tolerated in this town. We need to stand with the protestors, we need to walk with them, we need to look them in the face, we need to ask them their experiences in CW and we need to love them; this will keep the peace. We do not need to board windows, we do not need to arm our citizens to protect us from our citizens of color. I am calling on the city to join in this, I am calling on the mayor, the sheriff's department, I am calling on the city council members to do the right thing and to change CW. The CW that everyone is proud of is exclusionary and unwelcoming to new members of this community and there is too much racism happening here. Thank you. Coolman said thank you and asked for comments.

Bennett said it is appropriate to share these stories and these conversations need to happen and I don't know if this is old news or not but Mayor Ebert did I see there will be another march in CW on July 11th; Mayor said there will be another march on July 11th; I have met with the coordinator of that march we had a very good meeting and he said if anybody denies we had a good meeting I will call them out, so, he was very happy with what we had to offer, the route we had to offer and he expressed his intent for this to happen, so, yes, it will be July 11th at 11:00 am. Jackson reminded council members to speak into their microphones so that they can be heard; talk as close to the microphone as you can.

Amos said thank you very much for coming in and telling your story. Your experience scares me for our youth..... I have been fortunate to sit in on a few meetings with community members and I hope this continues, that level of conversation and that is where the ideas will come; that is where we can see what is we need to do to continue to make this the CW that we all love.

Clark said I appreciate you coming down and I am very sorry that you and your daughter had to experience that sickening display of humanity in our town. I know there are a lot of good people in our

community with respect and hopefully you can get this turned around. I did participate in the community health action team and had a forum with pastor Bobby Mitchell regarding the topic of racism as a public health concern with the community health officer with the Franklin County Department of Health and I learned a lot just by listening to the good conversation there and I am trying to listen and learn and understand the biases that are there and you don't even realize you have them and what you learn by listening to different things, so, I appreciate your comments and thank you.

Lynch said I am sorry to hear about what happened and red about this story; it is sad there are people like this in our community; my heart goes out to you and your daughter for having to experience this type of ignorance in our town. How do we have a problem like this and how to correct it is not an easy thing; a lot has to do with attitudes. At our last council meeting we were talking about different ways we can approach this; I think one of the things we can do and this is a term I have picked up from talking to some of the protestors and he used the term greater CW and it is a term used to encompass the area that is outside the city boundaries and is still part of our school district community. Many times, I have heard people and I myself have referred to the area north of 33 as the other side of 33. Well, that kind of needs to stop. On my part it will, as I consider that part of great Canal; and I hope a lot of other people will embrace that term and embrace the attitude that goes with using that term and not use it as exclusion or segregation of the other side of 33 we really need to stop doing that; it is just one simple little thing but I think it is a step in the right direction. I would also racism and how we combat it is a tough question any suggestions that you have or any thoughts about programs that you can bring forward I would love to hear. I have some ideas of my own and would love to talk to you about them in more detail in a different venue, thank you.

Coolman said everybody in our community we hate to hear this kind of discrimination this kind of behavior; a lot of us it is hard to believe this kind of behavior actually exists but it does. I don't think it is immunity to just our community I think it is global and it is the topic of news now is how do you fix that. There is no simple answer and all I can say is we are all in this thing together, and just like the pandemic we will get through this together but as a united effort with recognition, with empathy and a course of action. We have to have effective communication and to be effective it has to be from and with both sides so communication has to stay open and I don't have all of the answers and we need to be unified in our effort to learn from this behavior and not tolerate it. Thank you for attending tonight and bringing this to us.

Milliken said I am in agreeance with everyone; I am not sure you are familiar with Ms. French who is also wrote to us on this exact same matter. I had a great discussion with Ms. French and I would like to offer myself up to you as well and I am looking to have conversation this is something that is very focused and frank and negative. I personally have taken on a lot of self-reflection and I think most people have, however, I choose to focus on the positive and I choose to focus on the good people of CW there are a lot of good people here and unfortunately we live in a world that is just I don't think there is a solution that will completely rid the world of evil and I choose to focus on all people, thank you for your testimony and your story is gut-wrenching to all of us and it is a tough story to hear, thank you.

Mayor Ebert said CW is in this just like the United States and the rest of the world is and I feel badly and I know my city employees feel bad for what happened to you and your daughter, and all I can say is we do care what happens, we care about your daughter and everybody on the street in the city of CW and

beyond. It is a senseless act and we recognize that and we do feel bad about it.

Jenna Acklin said I heard you mention you want to help out and one idea I have is to organize a chalking with the children in the community and I was hoping that with council, and the mayor and the sheriff's department and the school district that we could potentially do that at the elementary school parking lot. So, that is my idea as far as community action and involving the children. The last thing I would like to add is that I do not need you to feel bad for my daughter, my daughter is a strong young woman and she was scared by this but she is now empowered and the feeling that we felt as far as discomfort and fear is a short lived feeling that people of color feel everyday all day long every day of their lives; this is white privilege, my pain is white privilege and I know that word, those words stab people and they don't understand them but if you think about us and the pain we have gone through that is white privilege pain and so I am willing to take it, thank you. Coolman said thank you.

Dawn Gunnoe came forward to speak. She said she is the Acklin's neighbor from two doors down and my husband and I and are son at the time moved to Franklin Street six years ago and I wanted to tell my story in coming to CW as an outsider and it is something that happened a very long time ago and it has just recently come back up. So, when we moved to town we were obviously outsiders this is a small town and it is very close knit. We met a teacher who wanted to give us the back story or the scoop on CW. She was an elementary school teacher and the first thing she did was warn us about those people on the other side of 33 that they were bringing down the home values and disrupting the schools and those people are the ones who do not come to parent teacher conferences and I was pretty upset as we had been here just a matter of days. We moved from Columbus and we instantly regretted our decision to be here. We wondered is this representative of the teachers in our school system, is this what our kids are going to face, is that what we can expect, and over the years we have experienced what Jenna said long term people that have been here that are not happy about the growth and are not happy about the diversity here and it has given us pause and made us wonder if this was the right move. I bring this up now because of what happened; Mira and my son Harper are good friends and they play together in the street and they have both been screamed at by the nasty neighbor on the corner and I think it is important now that we talk about these things. At the time being outsiders, I didn't want to ruffle any feathers or make waves or make things any more difficult for my kids being in this town and being outsiders. But when you say what can we do, this is an example of what we can do, we have to stop putting our head down and not making waves we have to call this stuff out when we see it because we have to hold people accountable, I mean this is a teacher in our school system and we need to stop accepting it and stop saying this is the way it is or this is the way it has always been we have to start calling it out where we see it. I don't want to regret living here I don't want to live in a place where I have to put my head down and not make waves for my kids and tell them to ignore things like this, we have to call it out and we have to stop accepting it. So, I hope and our nasty neighbor and this story is going to help people do that and start talking about it and having a honest dialogue about this and stop just accepting it because it has always been. I hope this is a moment in time where the city this community and the whole country will move forward I hope this is the beginning of something very big and we can all have honest dialogue, that is my hope I am calling again like Jenna did calling on all of you all to be a part of this and stop just accepting that it has always been that way, thank you.

Christopher Burton came forward to speak. He said he was here today because his daughter gave him the courage to be here. I am a little emotional for these children the most about the situation that happened

on Friday after I get home from work. I have lived here for eight years we moved here from Las Vegas I came here to help my grandmother because her cancer came back. Ever since we moved here I have had mixed feeling about it, there has been some good things there has been some bad things. I coach baseball for CW tee-ball and coach pitch for the last few years since my son has been able to play. I get home from work this last Friday and my daughter comes to me at the door and she says hey dad, I seen this thing on CW community page and there is a little girl who needs support and she doesn't look like me. And, the first thing I say is okay, and she tells me the girl Mira who had the police called on her for chalk. My daughter wanted to go to the protest downtown and take her brother with her and I said no every single time. I understand for her how it is as a woman of color growing up to be down there but I also have to keep her safe with COVID and the safety of everything else that is going on right now. So, I agreed to let her go, and in the beginning of it at first it was amazing and I was glad to see that Mira and Jenna and her family were brave enough to still wanting to chalk and be out there even after having the police called on them, and they don't look like us and they are willing to fight for us. Everything went well in the beginning and towards the end it went completely bad. The children and my daughter were fearful when the neighbor came outside with a gun. That is a scary situation for the children, and as a father and as a parent as I am pretty sure you all are we try to put our children in the safest situations possible and we try to give them the best education possible as a father I feel like I failed because I put my daughter in that situation. That hurt really bad. I try my best every single day, I walk with leads under my feet on every day, I don't want us to be looked at as a victim or as not a strong individual, but I want people to think positive out of how the community came together when they saw there was this girl in need. When that woman brought out a gun I watched all of these children come together black, white, Mexican, Asian there was tons of different kids out there but I watched them come together and comfort one another without any questions. My question is when we see one another down, as people, why can't we do that for one another. I am sorry, I get emotional. I feel like we all have to work together on learning how to get to know one another as people as a whole, because I think one of the worst things in the world think somebody is better than another because of their pigment of their skin. Jenna and her family were terrified after that. The biggest thing that I told them and that I teach my kids as well is that just because a person is ugly to you and disrespectful doesn't mean you have to become an ugly person. Just because you had a bad experience with a black person or a white person doesn't mean you have to become that person. That is me and my daughter's experience, and the school system has been great for elementary but when my daughter went to middle school she went from a fun-loving kid to a troubled kid and I don't understand how she went from being a fun-loving kid to a troubled kid because she does competitive cheer, she volunteers at homeless shelters she does all of these wonderful things. All of these teachers and all these people view her as a troubled kid on the other side of 33. I don't understand it. I want all of us to love each other and get to know each other as people whether that is through diversity training or whatever it is I want us all to work on being better people, thank you.

Bennett said he saw a video of Mr. Burton putting himself between the neighbor and the family and as a father my heart says the bravery of putting himself in harm's way to help and I comment Mr. Burton for his bravery and stepping in there. I am sad that his daughter had to have that experience it is unfortunate. I would like to figure out how to help not have those experiences I know we can't eliminate them, but we can figure out ways to help and make progress I don't know if we can do something community wide. I know the sheriffs were going to do talks on community safety around drugs. I don't know if there is an opportunity to do a diversity training program I think that would be fantastic and to have the conversation with one another about diversity.

Mayor Ebert said yes, we can absolutely look into that, absolutely yes. I want to say to the last three people to speak here and whoever else is going to speak tonight I think doing this tonight is a sign that we don't need to be yelling at each other, we don't need to be screaming at each other on our streets and wherever else they are doing it at.....having a conversation and talking to each other I think this in itself is a great start so I thank all of you for coming.

Lynch said I have a question that has come to mind, a sensitive question...were charges filed against the irate woman with the firearm who was threatening these people? Mayor Ebert responded I think they are still reviewing video. I got an email from Sgt. Hendershot earlier. Lynch said I hope that some kind of action would be taken against them; it sounds like they were threatening the lives of these people and that should not go unpunished. Mayor Ebert said I guess from what Sgt. Hendershot said is they have been to this house several times over the years not just in the last month or two for other things with this address; I am trying to remember what he said really quickly without having to read all of it. Basically, she had a right to have a gun and from what he saw in the video she never really put her hand on the gun; she pulled her shirt back to expose her gun which is what she is supposed to do, it's not concealed carry it's open carry so when you have open carry you are supposed to show people you have a gun, right or wrong, it's the law.

Amos said Mr. Burton I thought I heard you say you failed your daughter and I completely disagree and what I see from the video you showed up you stood up and so you didn't fail her, society did and some of the people in it did. As far as the training goes, you mentioned diversity training I know as a city we are looking into different things. I have a couple of feelers out to some different organizations and Ohio State as well to see what is offered and try to bring some training in and it is intimidating for conversation and how to work the diversity training. I think the city has some feelers out and a few of us talking to different members of the community. Thank you for being here.

Lynch said Mr. Burton mentioned that it was a beautiful thing where all of these kids came together of different colors and different races and they were all just playing and begin together and what a beautiful thing that was so how can we do that here in this community, so, what if we create some kind of cultural fest. It's not just diversity training, we do a great job with festivals, what if we had a festival that celebrates culture and all different cultures in our community; we have all different cultures and races and different religions we could have a festival that had different types of food stages with different types of music and what better way for people to gather than with food and music and having a big gathering. It might be something to think about as far as how we can do a festival and such and I think it would be a neat thing to do. It would be a huge step in bringing all different cultures together.

Milliken said another part of this conversation and it's not just racial. This is just theoretical right now but to say we were to do something like that it would be an amazing outreach opportunity to reach out to the people in this community that live on that side and hey, why don't we bring you in, we'll put your people in place to help us and that creates a council of people and action steps that can help. Mr. Burton if I can say I think you are doing a tremendous job as a father to come here and stick up for your kid and say the things you said it touches the heart and thank you for everything you said.

Coolman said Mr. Burton it is a big step for you and for everybody else who stepped up to the mike

tonight and let their voices be heard. It is unity of a community holding us together that makes us stronger, it's not dividing the community, it's unifying the community. It is not an easy road to travel, it is a bumpy one but it is one we can travel arm in arm and hand in hand for the good of the community as a whole and to go where we hope to head in this. It takes all of us, not just one, not one side of 33 or the other, because when we talk about north of 33 let's not forget the folks that live outside CW on this side of 33, the folks in the farming communities that are not considered part of CW. We have a large community and it is getting larger everyday but with the involvement of all of the different cultures we have amongst us we could celebrate the beautiful way the town comes together, everybody joins in and volunteers to step up and I think this is the next step that is necessary for the community to take. So, again, Mr. Burton thank you for showing up and thank you for stepping up and thank you for pitching in place.

Shauna Darfus came forward to speak. She said she wanted to come forward to show her support for this mother and this father for what they went through. The one thing that isn't getting mentioned unless you mentioned it and I couldn't understand anything you were saying is that this woman came out with a gun and she didn't get tackled, she didn't get handcuffed, I don't think and I think right there is an issue and I think we need to not overlook that fact. I am thankful that she didn't perhaps that is how it should be, but I can't help but think if that woman were a black man this would be a much different story, and so, I just wanted to bring that side of it, so thank you.

Kitty French came forward to speak. She said thank you council president Walker we are thinking of your family right now, members of council thanks for your service and convening tonight's town hall. I do want to say thank you to the law enforcement officers who have been protecting peaceful protestors in CW for the past three weeks. This is a diverse community and part of that diversity is the law enforcement community that lives here and knows the families and we appreciate them and welcome them as well. My husband and I moved here in 2015 from Worthington and I grew up down the street in Carroll. We chose CW specifically because of the school district, it's size, it's diversity, it is similar to what we were looking for our son and also the city's positive growth. You all have done a great job of bringing businesses like Brew Dog and positive economic development down here through your work here and also through the 33-corridor work that you are doing. We believe really strongly in giving back to our community and since 2017 we have tried to overcome that outsider feeling by volunteering with our football board, the Canal touchdown club and supporting all of the fundraising organizations because we see the good work that our schools and sports do in our community. We have championed and actively promoted CW businesses and every chance we get. However, in the five years that we have lived here we have witnessed firsthand on several occasions among our neighbors that we care about and like and heard numerous accounts from students and friends of our son about the racism that our CW star athletes, students and band members experience. Earlier this month we joined the black lives matter protest in March that was organized by former students who themselves have experienced racism in this town. I want to say thank you to the Mayor and the owner of any business that may have spoken with that organizer and trying to hear his experience and learn what thing look like through his eyes. I also want to thank the council members who attended the march and thanking our school district for hosting that march on June 5th and bringing the community together, giving the community a place to grieve and share their experiences and be heard in a safe place. I want to thank the council members who marched in solidarity and the businesses here who have had the courage to post signs in support of racial justice, thank you. We stand with our neighbors and we stand with our fellow parents and students and asserting

that racism on an individual level or in city politics or in public safety are absolutely unacceptable in our community. I am happy to hear you echo those concerns tonight. It is unacceptable to have a star football player who is afraid to walk through our CW neighborhoods because of the color of his skin. It is unacceptable to us at our friendly gatherings and hear people use the N word and throw around jokes as if this is 1961. It has made our lives very uncomfortable to talk about these things in a very minor way but what are we doing here, we can't have this in our city and I am glad you are looking at this seriously. I would suggest and call to you to consider some serious planning, I would call to you to consider establishing a greater CW community action committee at address racism and enact anti-racist policies in the community and a planning process that include all town stakeholders, district leaders, CW district families who have experienced racism. Through COVID and all that is happening now you are all governing through a critical point in this town. As CW grows it is really up to all of you sitting there tonight to govern in ways that create a culture that welcomes and respects the humanity and contributions of every community member and in particular the African-American families who experience racism here, those who attend our schools and live outside of the town boundaries. I know, Mayor, through our conversation this afternoon that this presents some challenges but this is a time to innovate and think differently and think bigger because this town is growing bigger. In ten years, just like Coach Stratton said, this town is going to look like Pickerington and right now we going through the growing pains and we need you to rise and meet that challenge. I want to thank all of you for your work and the continuing work that you do, thank you.

Katie Moore came forward to speak. She said it is hard to follow everybody that has spoken tonight and I do agree with everything they have said. I do want to say something about racism before I get into what I came up here to talk about. I want to say that it really starts with conversation. You can offer all of the training in the world but if people are not willing to listen it doesn't matter. It starts with open hearts and open arms and I really think that Kitty's idea of a community action committee is a great place to start and involving all major stakeholders in the community, the schools, people who have experience injustices and are seeing this things day to day and that is a great place to start and I just wanted to put my two cents into that before moving onto something different. What I came here to ask about is the progress on McGill Park. Where do we stand with fundraising, how do we get involved, is there a community committee with that so more people can be involved and have a voice instead of a small group of people kind of making decisions for all of us. Thank you.

Mayor Ebert said on McGill Park we just received the \$500,000 grant that we have been waiting patiently for. So, we should be getting started on construction hopefully this fall or very early next year depending how COVID treats us the rest of the year. As far as fundraising, that has hit kind of a standstill we had found a local company to do that and since we not supposed to do fundraising on our own we have to have somebody do that for about 15-16 months and got a lot of leads and prospects who want to do something but there was a problem with delay in our grant we were not able to show them what it's going to look like and where things are going to be but we should be able to start doing that very soon and they wanted visuals to see what they are donating to and for how much they wanted to donate, so from this point on it should start moving along I hope quickly but probably not as quickly as I want.

Coolman said it has been a long process and waiting on the government to get funding and plans put on hold until we received our funds, but not things can progress and as they progress we will start discussing in greater detail at council meetings. Pay attention to the city website for the most information from our

meetings for recordings and also can read the minutes.

Amos I won't steal Mr. Lynch's thunder, I know he had mentioned having citizens helping on the park projects, that has been discussed at great detail but hopefully in the next month or two we will have more conversations on that and hopefully it can lead somewhere and I know Mr. Lynch had brought that up to all of us and hopefully he will be leading that charge for us. Mayor Ebert said I think there will be some volunteer opportunities coming up. Lynch said the first phase will be coming, soccer fields, baseball fields; Mayor Ebert said first phase will be playground, soccer fields, parking lots, shelter house. Lynch said phase one will have a path from Ashbrook to Walnut Creek and foot traffic can get from Walnut Creek to the park on the south side of Walnut Creek and it would be nice from a construction standpoint to start at least the fields this fall as fall is the best time to grow grass and it takes several seasons for the grass to fill in before the fields can actually be used so that is why talking about trying to get this started this fall to get this grass planted.

Katie Moore said I want to follow-up on what you said about somebody working on fundraising and they were held back with a delay in funding so, what is the status of that person, are they still working with CW and are there any leads that are viable from that and what are the next steps there. Mayor Ebert said I will have to get back to you on that; I think she has several leads and at least one was a hospital system that wants to donate a huge ton of money but has now backed out because of COVID and financial difficulties. I will have to get back to you and you can call the office and get more information, is that okay. Katie replied okay, sure.

Jacob Tynes came forward to speak. He said good evening and good evening to the people behind me, how are you all, good, we can have fun in here. I am from the other side of 33 and I also pastor on this side of 33, I am one of the pastors at C3 Church here on Waterloo. I actually wasn't going to speak, but as a pastor I don't have few words, so I will take the podium just to encourage this man here (pointing to Christopher Burton in audience) that you are not a failure, and yet an inspiration and so I just want to take time and honor you for what you did because I think as a 28 year old I grew up with friends of so many different colors and my house was the house and my mom was the cool mom; I am actually from southeast Virginia so I am only a resident here for four years, and I ah, yeah, dude you are an inspiration to everyone in this room. Me and our youth pastor were actually at Shade on the Canal which has great chicken wings come on somebody and we were sitting there and unfortunately, we saw first-hand the subject that has been talked about which is racism. Racism isn't a skin issue I believe it is a sin issue of the heart. As the protestors were coming and Shade was closing their doors the kitchen was closed and the man came in and he said I have a gun and I'll just come up here and shoot all of them. I was so surprised, and our youth pastor was just in such shock because we are a church that represents so many different backgrounds and ethnicities and I am proud of that. But, racism is taught and for us to stop racism I think the number one thing that everyone in this room can do is and also the people that are sitting in leadership within this city you can start by loving your neighbor. I will be there are many of us in this room and many of us on the television screen that don't even know the name of their neighbor, and so what I challenge people to do and people who attend our church and in my sphere of influence is to go out your front door and out of your comfort zone and go meet your neighbor. My dad has also served in law enforcement for thirty-eight years, so sir thank you for your service (pointing to Deputy D'Amore in room); he taught me that you treat everyone equally and we can talk about change but unless we become change, then change will not be a result of anything that we have said and so, I want to end my

time by thanking you and thanking you, too, (turned and looked at audience) I don't even know who you all are, but you guys are dope and I just really thank you so much for coming here and standing up for what is right because I believe the generation after us the generation that is coming up is going to see a new day where it doesn't matter a color of the skin, so thank you so much. I yield my time, and I do want a Chick-fil-a in CW and I hear there is a Panda Express on the way and also a Smoothie King and I hope I see that come to pass, thank you.

Jim Kothe came forward to speak. He said I don't know how to follow that it was absolutely amazing. I am a newer resident to CW, my family moved here from Cleveland about two and half years ago and I am also a pastor at C3 Church. We came here this is my first town meeting so, we came here to support the community and really learn about the community and so, and I just appreciate everyone here and even the ones that have already spoken and just speaking their minds and creating a safe atmosphere to do this. I really just want to follow-up with Jacob and what he said on behalf of C3 and behalf of my family we support our community we are going to do everything we can as a family to support you and support everyone else here and to making change. Jacob said something that is so profound is that we can talk about change but we have to be the change and so, my family and out church is committed to being that change, helping spread the awareness and helping to be a part of the change in this great community. I believe it is a great community, yes, there are flaws but I don't think there is a city in this nation that doesn't have its own flaws and so, I appreciate everyone's courage and coming up here and speaking their mind, and everyone is gone, so I guess I didn't do a good job, so yes, I also want a Chick-fil-a.

Anthony Alioto came forward to speak. He said I was the youth pastor that was with Jacob at Shade and I just want to thank the both of you (pointing to Jenna Acklin and Christopher Burton in the audience) and as the youth pastor at C3 you know it is really important you know that the next generation sees the example; if we are not leading the charge and setting the way it is just something that is going to continue to repeat and I think my heart just dittoing what Pastor Jacob said is just you know that's the goal that I want to see, so I thank you guys for stepping up and coming here and you know like Pastor Jacob said about setting the environment and we can talk about this because it starts with conversation and you know as the next generation rises I think we can be the example to set with them and how they can set an example in that community as it continues to grow and so, I yield my time, but thank you for having this opportunity for us to share.

Vangela Barnes came forward to speak. She said I am originally from Portsmouth, Ohio, a small town very similar to this; I grew up in a middle income, middle class section of town and it was very segregated. I was the only black in my school, I went to Catholic school, I didn't see racism and that maybe was because I was the only black in my school. When I moved to Columbus, I remember the first time being called an oreo, you are black on the outside and white on the inside and I thought, wow, what does that mean. I worked at a Wendy's on Livingston Avenue and most of the people there were black that I worked around, but I had interacted with both blacks and whites all of my life so, it was nothing to me to be one side or the other. I have heard you guys say so much tonight and there is so much I could say about everything, but I want to talk about systematic racism. As a high school student my senior year, that particular year in 1983 a lot of black, I won't say there were black, but a lot of teenage girls were getting pregnant and I got pregnant my senior year and I had a 3.8 gpa in high school and didn't get into National Honor Society and I didn't get a scholarship but I was determined I was going to college. I didn't really think about why, but when I found out later from another girl that did get a scholarship and was in

the National Honor Society that she had overheard her parents saying the reason why was because one I was black and two I had a baby. And I was like, wow, really, and the systematic stuff had started. As one of the very few black women working in IT I have experienced it in a board room with all white men twice my age and being told to be quiet. When I moved to Canal, I have been here since 2002, I have raised five kids, my youngest is graduating this year. I participated in the march on June 2nd and I came past Shades and some of my kids of worked there, Lonnie worked there, Daniel, Nicholas and Ozzie and Bryce works at Kroger. I have had four kids work at Shades and I can't tell you the number of times I have come through Shades and people look at you like you are not supposed to be here or instead of saying hi they look at you and follow you all the way through the restaurant and it is a weird feeling but I try to not pay any attention because I have had four kids work there and I get along with the staff and I have never had a problem with people working there and I have met the owner before. I just think about the people living in this town and how they treat people and how they talk to people, even CWJRD and I have often times felt like some kids are not given equal opportunities as other kids because I know that parent or that is so and so's parent and I used to call it daddy ball cause I didn't like how they treated all of the kids and they didn't give everybody the same chances. And also, because it is so expensive and I have come from Worthington, Westerville, Columbus and I have never seen an area where they charge so much to play so how are you giving any of the kids on the north side of 33 or maybe there are a lot here on this side of 33 an opportunity to play if they can't afford that. Now, I will say not that they can't afford it, I will say they choose not to afford it because they don't want to deal with the racism because I know mothers who will spend every dime they have and let the electric bill be turned off to play football if they know their kid is going to be treated right. So, a lot of times it is not about the money, sometimes it is about I am not putting my kid there I will take them over to the cougars or I will take them to Whitehall to play because I don't want them to be mistreated. So, I want you guys to know if we want to grow and become a bigger and better community and we want to allow our kids all of the same opportunities we want to win those championships and equal opportunities for our kids to go to college based on their academics and their sports. We have to start treating everybody the same. I have a son who is 24 years old and I asked him how do you experience racism in Canal and he actually told me he hadn't and I was really surprised because when he said he hadn't I could think of a few instances where I thought he had. But, because I don't raise my kids that way he looked at it as something he had done wrong and that is why he didn't get that opportunity but what I knew was and I didn't really bring it up to him or reinforce it in him was I knew other kids who had done the same thing but they still had the same opportunity to go on the 8th grade field trip. So, there is where sometimes as parents we can egg it on or we can help them not to see it but it is our job as parents and people in the community to try to make things better. There are a couple of things that I thought, a lot of kids come to my house some people on this side of the tracks as I call it this side of 33 but on this side of the tracks there are a lot of people that think they have something better than us on the north side and I can come over here and look at any of y'all's shacks and compare it to where I live and say you know why I live way better than you. But, I don't think of it like that, I share it, I am a foster mom, I take care of foster kids, teenage boys and a lot of people will call my kids friends the rainbow coalition because when you come to my house if there is a teenager party at my house or a teenager event at my house you don't just see black kids you see white kids you see Hispanic kids you see Asian kids and my kids get along with everybody and that is the kind of community I want us to be. So, here are a couple of things I would like to recommend. I know there is another march on July 11th in the community; I attended the June 2nd one because I saw the windows being boarded up at Shades and that is the only reason I even attended it so I am coming down here to see what is going on and I want to be a part of saying I have four boys and one of my sons got pulled over and only because the sheriff knew me

is why he did not give my son a hard time because he looked at his license and said aw, you live on Lehman I will let you go cause if I have to say anything to you or do whatever I am going to have to hear that from my wife and your mom but he hadn't really done anything when I talked to the officer and he was just going a little fast and he pulled him over. I have been pulled over because the light over my license plate was out at 7 o'clock in the summertime I don't know how the officer even knew that and he pulled up behind me and I am like you can't even see my license plate with your headlights on my license I was feeling a little bit like pit thorn and I didn't know my windows were a little on a previous car a little tinted and so, I am like, that is why you pulled me over so, anytime I get pulled over or my kids are pulled over I am always fearful and I shouldn't have to think any more than am I going to get higher insurance rates, but a couple of things I am working on are working with law enforcement from Fairfield, Franklin, Columbus, Madison, Lithopolis and Groveport because all of these agencies come through the north side of Columbus and 33. I have seen them all up and down my road on Lehman Road so I think that there is some need for you guys to all get together and maybe figure out what we can do as a community provide an ability for you guys to know the people that live in this area better than only seeing us when you pull us over. So that is one thing I am working on. The other thing is I would like to see maybe a liaison for the city of Canal maybe put on council whatever you have to do in the city because Columbus council has a liaison and that liaison could work together with the Columbus city liaison to improve some of the community relations with the north side of 33. The pool, I don't know what you guys do with the pool memberships and how that works but there are kids on the other side of 33 that go to the pool. I don't know who you guys can think of some ideas to involve them more or with memberships I know you have memberships with living here. There are a couple of other things I am sorry I am going a little long but I am trying to hurry up. Park activities in the summertime for the kids and city contacts, what are the city contracts for minorities that is one place I have watched various different activities in the city that things are being done roads highways, etc. and how many of those businesses that you are doing in the city are contracts with, doing them with minority companies; not just companies that have one or two blacks that work for them but actually a minority owns the company, so that is another thing. I thought about cadet training at the high school where instead of having sheriffs come and do everything maybe we have cadets, you know, kids learn how to be law enforcement and we do cadet training with some of the kids at the high school. So, that is all I have to say and again I thank you and like I said I am a part of the community and I think it was one of the persons on city council that said welcome to Canal but just because you haven't seen a black person in Canal doesn't mean we don't live here and I just want you to know we would say welcome to you, too. Thank you.

Bethany Ferguson came forward to speak. She said hi guys can you hear me we are having a hard time hearing you guys in the back so I just thought I would throw that out there. I want to talk to you guys today about the Bender Scholarship that was brought up at the last council meeting. I know there was quite a big debate on whether or not we would be able to extend it to the entire school district or just keep it within the residents of CW. I want to implore every single one of you to take the time and look at the climate of CW right now and look at how incredibly divided it is. I think you heard very well from a lot of residents here tonight that we have a massive issue and a lot of that issue is racism. The other part of the issue is that CW is divided by us and the north side of 33. Just like Vangela just talked about that needs to be shut down and it is absolutely unacceptable to discriminate an entire school district. I have three children within our school district here and to say that only my kids and the kids that grow up in the city proper are eligible for that type of scholarship is unacceptable. It's discriminating and it should not be happening. I think one of you last week had described it as holding on to the heritage of CW and to that I

am going to call BS, because the heritage of CW and the climate absolutely has to change and it has to change today. We have had three marches in CW and another one coming up in several weeks and I think that shows just how passionate people are in this city about bringing people together but I think just that one step of opening up the Bender Scholarship to the entire school district is an easy action step which I think Chuck Milliken brought up last time and I thought that was an incredible statement. That is a simple action statement that you guys can make to be inclusive. We need to stop this exclusion from everybody and really just bring everyone together. I think that sums up what I wanted to talk about today. The other point I wanted to make is when the scholarship was given out this year, it was given to a Bloom Carroll student and a CW student. Why would we open up this scholarship to another school district and not include all of our children so I would like to ask you now what are we going to do about the Bender Scholarship especially after hearing from these other parents within the district and their deep concern for our kids because we really have a big problem here within the entire community of CW.

Coolman said the foundation of this scholarship was created in honor of a past city council member and that is what the basis was on; it was not based on the fact that Mr. Bender was a cross country coach it was based on his memory and service on city council and that is why that scholarship was designated to the residents of CW and the voting district. We didn't hold it up to the Bloom Carroll school system it is just we have that family that lives here in CW and their children go to Bloom Carroll. So, that is how that is how that encompasses two school systems, it is a scholarship for the residents of the city. Ferguson said I understand they live within the city proper, my point is we have the other school district coming in and taking funds when we live in the CW school district we need to open it to all of the kids not just the ones that live within our city limits. Lynch said I agree with you Bethany, Ms. Ferguson on this. When we originally talked about this a few months ago for the first time and about using a wider net and trying to catch more people and open the scholarship to the whole school district. I do agree I think we if we opened it and changed the rules to include the whole school district then yes, you are right it is a very small step it is a step in the right direction to create more inclusion of the whole community even outside of our city it is a very simple step. My hope will be to allow that to happen but whether it will or not I am just one vote. Ferguson said I had one other comment but Mr. Walker is not there so I will hold off for another time and maybe just give him a call, thank you.

Cindi Lynch came forward to speak. She said first of all I loved your stories, I think we need to hear more about what is going on in this community. I for one and many of you guys know this have been trying to get unity in CW for quite a few years now. And it is important for people for when they do speak up and maybe they don't get answered they don't feel welcomed and I think it is pretty clear what everybody here is telling you guys is that we want to be included. That means we want to be on some of these different committees. Kitty and I spoke briefly and one of the things to help unite in some ways and CW does a lot for the entire community and with some of the volunteer organizations we bring that down here and we start getting to know everybody and put them on these different funds and everything. When I look at actions items I think it was clear doing a chalk drive for the school is fantastic it starts with the kids and see that it happened and we are going to do something and we are at the point where we need action items not just a let me get back on that. If we could do the chalk; if we could advertise the protest I think we should be advertising it on our city website I think we should put it on the sign that lights up I think that shows leadership and we want to know that it is a peaceful protest. I hope that some of the city council people can actually attend unfortunately Pat and I are going to be gone I hope they video tape it so we can hear it and see it; and I hope we start putting the videos up not two weeks after

something is done but immediately so we can see things. The biggest thing we need right now is communication, open communication, get the videos out there and let people see it. I think this is; I could not be more proud of this community right now than the unity we are getting together if there was anything I prayed for this is it and it has taken a long time to get there and I hope next year when we have the election coming up and there are four spots open on city council I hope a lot of people dive in and we get the diversity and we get everything we want and it is sad we had to take this long to do it and push this hard to get it; that is all I have to say.

Todd Cook came forward to speak. He said he has been in CW since '99 and ran two kids through the schools and got one more to go. I am here representing a group of friends that are in support of additional scholarship for the students of CW outside the city limits. We do respect the Dr. Bender Scholarship and sat beside him through many track meets and to sit beside that man and listen to him talk and work with the kids was something I will never forget. We feel that after talking there is an opportunity to get another scholarship available to the folks that live outside the city limits. The suggestion that we and I feel and our group of guys I work with and group of friends are the best fundraisers in central Ohio with Tom Woodward, Eric McGee, Mike Mahode, Donnie Musick, Josh Collins, Walter Kawlinoksi and myself. So, we feel and want to offer up our assistance to do that if we can to help make that happen and bridge that gap with the north of 33 and make a difference in our community and just want to put that out there to make an additional scholarship and we will do what we can to make it happen and we are available to assist in that to make it happen. Thank you.

Marie Gibbons came forward to speak. She said good evening can you hear me; Coolman replied yes. She said I want to second what Bethany said and I am having a difficult time understanding some of you and identifying who is speaking. I would like to begin my statement by stating by making citizens attend a public event to speak during a global pandemic is troublesome. It not only demonstrates a lack of care for the health and wellbeing for our citizens it silences the voice of those who feel unable to attend due to health concerns. On May 30th I received an email from an anonymous source that contained screen shots of racist Facebook posts that were made by one of our city council members. Later that week I received additional screen shots. These posts show a blatant disregard for the black lives movement, joked about killing our first black president, and promotes stereotypes for the black community as gang members and lazy people who leach off government programs. We cannot tolerate this behavior from our leaders. CW needs leaders who are recognizing and working to correct their own basis in order to lead the entire community forward. It is my understanding that some council members also received these anonymous emails but I am certainly willing to share them with anyone who did not. I would like to know how council is going to address this discriminatory and prejudice behavior and I would like moving forward to see mandatory implicit bias training for the mayor, city council and all city employees. Thank you.

Bryce Palmer and Austin Keyes came forward to speak. Keyes said together with city council we started the community recycling program in March of 2019. We would like to thank city council for continuing the program while the two of us have been away at college. Including the curbside recycling in the current bid for the next contract with waste management we would like to thank Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark and Mr. Milliken for continuing support of the recycling program through their re-election and election campaigns by letting us know they support recycling. Our goal was to have curbside recycling for the entire city however, the contract is up for renewal at the end of August this year. Our hope for the new

addition for the program is to make curbside recycling available for everyone because some people cannot make it to the community recycling days every first and third Saturday of the month. Therefore, curbside recycling would give everyone the ability to recycle and not have a limitation of recycling on only two days a month. The next step in our plan is to educate the community as a whole on how to properly recycle. We are partnering with the Indians Club from the Canal Winchester High School to take educational material door to door throughout the neighborhoods in the city. As a community we need to work on reducing the amount of waste sent to a landfill as a lot of that waste can be recycled. Thank you for support of our program and we hope to continue this partnership with the city council to better our community. Thank you.

Amos said she would like to thank Bryce and Austin now that you have been back since COVID for coming on Saturday and helping us with recycling again; it has been great to have you volunteer and talk with everybody that has been wonderful.

Coolman said that concludes our list of speakers and I would like to thank everybody who came out in attendance, it is overwhelming. I believe we are all on the same page that racism comes in a lot of different presentation forms, it covers a lot of topics, it is not just skin color, it is basically how we treat one another. As a community we are a lot better than that, so it starts at home, it starts by looking in the mirror and it starts by treating your neighbor with the same kind of cognizance that you expect back. It is not just how you treat someone but in how you communicate; communication is a very effective tool if done properly. If done improperly where it is accusatory, discriminatory, slanderous, attacking that is never acceptable and it should never be. I applaud everyone that came tonight, I think it is community unity is making a big step and achieving that goal of everybody being unified.

Vangela Barnes came forward to speak. She said I just heard you say thank you but I didn't hear what you were going to do. This is not a kumbaya meeting, we really need to have like she said some action items what are you guys going to do to improve the community that is why we came here tonight and I want to be sure the minutes come out and the action items are documents and that somebody is assigned to get back to us, please.

Coolman said we will be speaking about it at future meetings. It is a group effort, it is never an individual effort that involves council or the city, so we will be addressing this and it will be addressing it again in our records.

Jenna Acklin came forward to speak. She said I am curious as to why there was no answer as to what you will do with the council member who was posting racist comments online.

Coolman said I started this meeting by saying that attacks on an individual council member; this is not the forum for that. Everybody has their opinion. Person in audience said no, no. You all have gotten these emails and formed your opinion on them you are entitled to that but as far as what council is going to do about something of that nature and those details. Bethany Ferguson came forward to podium to speak. Coolman continued we do not even know who and how do we know how these emails have been received and with all due respect came from a guerilla ware sender so until we identify that sender we don't know what that means. Bethany Ferguson said okay, to piggy-back on your comment, Mr. Coolman, about sending an email, that is a laugh in our face a blatant joke. I have sent numerous emails to council

asking specific questions looking for answers on numerous topics and I do not get emails back. I have been copied on emails asking for responses and I have got nothing. So, for you to say we need to email you to get a response is ridiculous. At what point are you going to answer questions and respond to your residents who clearly care and want to have answers. Coolman said for me personally, Ms. Ferguson, I want to tell you personally speaking nothing has been directed to me from you; I can tell you if you want to illustrate some emails to me I will be happy to respond to you, but I will not tolerate the way some emails we receive; they are attacking; Ferguson said direct; Coolman said and I am not going to respond to attacking emails. We are not at target for the public to take pot shots at...Ferguson and Coolman talking at same time...Coolman said excuse me can I finish; Ferguson said please. Coolman said if you will give me some examples that involve me directly. I will not allow this podium to be up here to tear apart for everybody actions. We are a council. The method of communication we have is that if you email in to us we form a unified opinion and we email back. Now, if you have sent emails in that you have not received a response back on then please I would like to hear about it. Ferguson said I would be happy to provide those; I have four emails that every single council member and the mayor were copied on and I only got one response back. Coolman said I will look forward to seeing them; Ferguson said great I am really looking forward to sending them.

Jenna Acklin came forward to speak. She said and now you are probably going to shut us down quickly because now you don't like what we are saying but today was a wonderful day and this meeting was a wonderful meeting and I appreciated your responses and your willingness to learn and willingness to join the community to do better but the way you have ended this has just slapped every single one of us in the face, thank you.

Christopher Burton came forward to speak. He said everyone that is in the room right now, they say actionable items and the simplest thing for our community to come together and I have spoken with a lot of people it might be this chalk event. I don't know if anybody knows right now but if you look at the children on social media they are going on a race war right now with one another black kids versus white kids and I am very open right now with conversation with my daughter about what is going on and what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. But, we have to do something to bring us all together if I have to make a pamphlet to bring everybody together but we find a way to bring the kids together at the school if we are able to let them know to love one another and to care for one another can we at least get that going for the start of something.

Bennett said I am 100% into organizing a community chalk fest for all of the kids and coordinating and we will need to work with the schools to get clearance with pandemic rules and spacing and while we want to commit to that right now there are some organizational logistical things and any permits we have to clear before we can 100% commit to do this before you leave here tonight; this is an action item, I will work with the school board, we will work to find a date and see if that is something we can make possible. Some of these action items take more discussion; the great CW community action area committee we will have to discuss how to organize it, who are the members, what are the rules, how is it structured and we would definitely like for you to participate in that discussion. I don't think we can answer these alone and I don't know if we have the outright authority to do some of those things but we all want to give more I think we can all agree this is the best city in Ohio so I think everyone here is committed and to do some action and for us to walk out of here with a list tonight that we have to commit to, and I know the chalk thing I will follow-up and let's look at the committee idea and see what

form that takes and I love the discussion the idea of a diversity cultural festival and block off streets and where can we have it and a lot of these things are challenged right now by health and safety restrictions as Ms. Gibbons alluded to and we see that people think we are putting their health and safety at risk just by having this meeting tonight and these communications. So, yes, it is a challenge we all want to try to do better and we understand that in this time for us to not have this conversation sends the opposite signal and I thank all of you for putting your health and thank the city staff for their attendance we are committed to doing some of these things. Ms. French and Ms. Barnes, we want to do more, we met with Jill and had a discussion on Wednesday night about joint rec and it continues to grow the list of things we want to accomplish so please know that things are going to happen. Burton said the biggest thing I would like to tell everyone in this room is that if you have children look at their cell phones and look at their social media and see what is being posted and see what is being said and stuff happening to your own child and when it hits home how fast you move and I challenge you to do today to look at the kids social media and see that it is not nice at all. Amos said I concur with Mr. Bennett the last thing we want anybody to do is to walk out of this room and feel like nothing is sticking nothing being done. If we keep doing the same and keep what we have always gotten and we need to take our first steps and find out where we are; we are hearing a lot of information from a lot of different groups personally I have had meetings with different groups and we are trying to figure out what can we do and we want the groups to reach out to us and tonight we do our best that we can and we believe in our better community and to be the voice for our community and that is why I ran so sitting here I have taken four pages of notes so I can make the next phone call and see what needs to be done and what difference can I make and know that I am listening and we need to listen and hear and I want to be able to talk further with you and how we can move forward and how we can teach the kids in our community to get stronger. Lynch said this is not ours to solve alone and there are specific suggestions and actions that can be done please let us know and email those ideas to us; next Monday we have the committee of the whole meeting I would think that we could have an agenda of things to talk about and hopefully talk about this some more and some specific actions to do but again as many suggestions as you can begin forward would be extremely helpful and it is a tough issue to tackle but, we certainly like to add to the comments we already have.

Mayor Ebert said yesterday I had a meeting with Pastor Crenshaw and we had a very open meeting. One of the things I asked him was what can we do, what can I do and I said what do I tell the people and he said tell the people we are working on it and it is going to take time. Those were his words. We will work on it. It's not going to happen overnight, but we will work on it.

Amos said all of our conversations at the schools they are on board with this. I don't know if all of you saw the letter Mr. Sotlar sent out a week ago and if you have not read it take a moment and to read it but he says even in the school there are things we have to do and the city and the school are trying to work together and the chalking is just another example of something that we can hopefully pull together to bring our kids and community together and parents and school board and during the march on that Friday where Mr. Bennett and I attended and I was so impressed with the school staff and the conversations I had with students and parents were wonderful and do know we are listening and we do plan to make changes and as much change as we can.

Jenna Acklin came forward to speak. She said we appreciate your willingness to change, we understand that things will not happen overnight, we understand that COVID-19 is happening right now and we all need to be safe but no disparaging comments were made about council members and the defensive tone

that came from your council shows there needs to be accountability in order for you to be the ones in handling this matter and for your to be charging for the change there must be accountability. No one disparaged anyone on council she did not name a name she asked what was being done to investigate the matter and you became aggressive and you were disrespectful to her, and I don't know who it was because I can't understand who you are or see who you are, thank you.

D. Adjournment

Coolman said thank you everybody for attending and be safe and thank you for a very productive meeting tonight.