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00:00:48.060 --> 00:00:49.230
donnadaniels: Hey Sue how are you

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00:00:49.500 --> 00:00:49.980
Good.

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00:00:55.500 --> 00:00:58.350
Guilford Host1: As far as I understand it, everyone will be here tonight.

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00:01:00.360 --> 00:01:00.720
9BeEQU: Oh,

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00:01:01.770 --> 00:01:02.430
donnadaniels: Wait a minute.

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00:01:03.210 --> 00:01:03.660
9BeEQU: On that

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00:01:17.910 --> 00:01:18.690
9BeEQU: Hi, Andy.

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00:01:19.320 --> 00:01:19.890
Andy: How are you, oh

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00:01:20.490 --> 00:01:21.090
Good.

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00:01:23.070 --> 00:01:23.310
Andy: I'm

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00:01:24.660 --> 00:01:26.100
Andy: excited to finally have the meeting.

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00:01:26.670 --> 00:01:29.430
Guilford Host1: Yes, there's so much happening.

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00:01:31.170 --> 00:01:32.910
9BeEQU: It's amazing what happens in one month.

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9BeEQU: Yes, our last meeting wasn't yeah

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, it was not nearly so exciting.

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Guilford Host1: Donna her. I'm sorry, Andy, thank you for sending Kara my way

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Andy: Oh, you're very welcome.

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Guilford Host1: She's great.

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Andy: Yeah, it's, it's been really exciting to see a lot of my former classmates have come out of the woodwork and get involved in all the really important issues now.

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Yeah.

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It's been amazing.

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00:02:06.210 --> 00:02:06.540

Yeah.

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Guilford Host1: I know Clarice said that there were some people who were potentially interested in joining tonight. Zoom meeting, you know, just to see what we're talking about, given everything that's going on.

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Guilford Host1: I did also

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Guilford Host1: Respond to someone on social media, reminding people that these meetings are public and open so we may have some other participants, whereas at least tonight.

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Guilford Host1: I'm not terribly what that's gonna look like.

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00:02:46.860 --> 00:02:48.120

Andy: Exciting. Yeah.

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00:02:48.660 --> 00:02:49.140

Yes.

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Guilford Host1: I know to that Clarice was able to attend last night's Board of Ed.

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Guilford Host1: Oh, great. Zoom meeting. I actually was uploaded onto YouTube or downloaded whatever happens with videos so I watched part of that this morning as well just to sort of get a better sense of, you know, what their thoughts are where they're going with all of us.

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Guilford Host1: Talk about that a little bit too.

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Guilford Host1: Me check to make sure that

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Guilford Host1: Everything is good in the land of newborns.

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00:04:19.860 --> 00:04:20.310

Guilford Host1: Okay.

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Guilford Host1: I think we can at least call to order. I don't want to discuss anything that's particularly pressing

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Guilford Host1: This is on her way now. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: But just to get started.

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Guilford Host1: So I would like to call this meeting to order to have second on that.

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Guilford Host1: Second. Thank you.

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Guilford Host1: Need to wait for the APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

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Guilford Host1: I think that for tonight. Don unless you have something

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Guilford Host1: Prepared that you wanted to share with everyone.

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Guilford Host1: Maybe skip over the continuing ed piece for the moment.

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Andy: That you're muted.

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00:05:09.120 --> 00:05:11.790

donnadaniels: Sorry, we have such a full schedule that I

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00:05:22.140 --> 00:05:23.100

Guilford Host1: Think that's all we can do

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Guilford Host1: Until we have a couple more people

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Guilford Host1: Okay so Moreno be here on fire.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Hey,

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Hi.

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00:07:42.420 --> 00:07:48.480
maureen's iPhone 8+: Hey, I'm sorry I'm late. I literally went from the garage to the porch, because I didn't have time to shower and I'm not

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00:07:49.710 --> 00:07:50.370
maureen's iPhone 8+: Showered so

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00:07:50.790 --> 00:07:51.390
maureen's iPhone 8+: Here I am.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I

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Guilford Host1: You

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00:07:57.030 --> 00:07:58.800
maureen's iPhone 8+: Know, good to see all of you.

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00:07:59.610 --> 00:08:00.270
Guilford Host1: Are you doing

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00:08:00.750 --> 00:08:02.940
maureen's iPhone 8+: I'm doing well. How is everyone else doing

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Guilford Host1: Good.

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Guilford Host1: You know, things are a little crazy at the moment.

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00:08:14.790 --> 00:08:17.820
Guilford Host1: How is working for you so far this week boring.

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00:08:19.380 --> 00:08:20.820
Guilford Host1: Good. Okay.

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00:08:22.350 --> 00:08:22.770
maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah.

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00:08:24.810 --> 00:08:25.980

Guilford Host1: Well, thank you for

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Guilford Host1: Being able to join us tonight.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I know you're SO YOU'RE WELCOME. I'M SORRY. I kept you waiting

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Guilford Host1: No, it's fine. Julie for Reese is just finished wrapping up something to so

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Okay, well,

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Guilford Host1: We're just waiting for her to pop up. I haven't heard from jack

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Guilford Host1: I know we had that text exchange last week where

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Guilford Host1: We

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Guilford Host1: Made it clear that the meeting was tonight. So I'm not sure what's going on here.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Do you think he thinks were meeting in person.

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Guilford Host1: Thanks. So, I mean,

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I wouldn't, I wouldn't think so but

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maureen's iPhone 8+: No clear in that the agenda.

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And, yeah, yeah.

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Guilford Host1: Yes, it's been really on top of everything. Yeah.

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00:09:13.470 --> 00:09:15.150

maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah, it's been great. Thank you. So

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9BeEQU: Thank you. So, welcome.

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Andy: Thanks.

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9BeEQU: I don't, I don't think they will love meetings to to start back at the town hall.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah.

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They have ever

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donnadaniels: Because even the library isn't

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donnadaniels: Opening I think technically they can open reopen on the 17th.

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donnadaniels: Okay, we're going to be holding off a couple of weeks and then only doing curbside

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donnadaniels: Right, so I think erring on the side of caution seems to be what a lot of

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donnadaniels: Right responsible institution managers are doing so, yeah.

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Guilford Host1: Has anyone taken advantage of that the curbside pickup at the library.

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9BeEQU: Not yet. It's so new.

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9BeEQU: Figure out how to do that.

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Guilford Host1: And also have a service that's new to be apart from the normal you know online borrowing service they added something called the block which

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Oh, yeah.

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9BeEQU: Oh yeah, that's time

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Guilford Host1: I really like it.

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Guilford Host1: What

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donnadaniels: What is it

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Guilford Host1: It's, it's

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Guilford Host1: It's, it's basically

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Guilford Host1: Sort of like free Kindle.

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donnadaniels: Okay.

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00:10:43.020 --> 00:10:45.060
Guilford Host1: Many books that you can download

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Guilford Host1: Library Apple law stories just since you're coming in, in the middle of a very important conversation.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, I

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Clarice Yasuhara: Did that too. I've actually been doing enjoying a lot of the audio books since the quarantine started

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Wonderful.

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Andy: There's also a good film streaming service they have canopy with the canopy.

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Oh,

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Guilford Host1: Did not know

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Andy: Good service. Yeah, like a lot of just good films in general, but especially some good documentaries

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donnadaniels: Yes, I'll check that out.

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00:11:24.990 --> 00:11:33.210
Guilford Host1: Okay, before we get started, I just want to say that I am so happy to see all of you here at the same time.

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Guilford Host1: A long time

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Guilford Host1: I know jack but marine or is to have me both here with us is amazing. So thank you for making the supplier tonight. It's awesome to see you both and Donna. See Andy is always to see you too.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, so, so really quick.

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Guilford Host1: Items of business APPROVAL OF MINUTES. For our last meeting. Does anyone have any corrections, additions changes to the Minutes from our last meeting.

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Guilford Host1: No. Okay, then I would like to get a second on approving or someone. Second. Second. Thank you, Don.

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Guilford Host1: We obviously do not have any members of the public with us at the moment of flurries. I mentioned that, you know, people have been asking you, when they can join our meetings and you will find enough to post the link for tonight on Facebook. So maybe that people often

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Guilford Host1: Marina first before you hopped on I'm Donna and I and Andy agree that because we have so much happening right now we're going to take the consumer education piece off the table just for the time being, is about earlier time extra me

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Guilford Host1: So outstanding items or manual of governance, I spoke with Matt poli last week briefly and town council is just about finished with the manual of governance, it's obviously not been a huge priority for them, given everything else is going on, but they have taken the time to look it over.

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Guilford Host1: And it's a pretty long document to

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Guilford Host1: So they apparently have a few suggestions, they're going to make for changes and I'll have that back to us sooner rather than later. So we're about there with that.

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Guilford Host1: We talked

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donnadaniels: We started out, will you send it out again or send their suggest how do you want to convene around their suggested changes.

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donnadaniels: Especially if they come between this meeting and our next, for instance, well,

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Guilford Host1: So to actually touch on that point for a moment, our next meeting we had decided at our last new to cancel the meeting in July.

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Guilford Host1: For hosted reasons. At this point, I don't think that that's a great idea just given what's happening. Hi.

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Guilford Host1: Mandy. The problem that I have in July, is that I have class every Tuesday night and it's a very, it's a summer semester. So it's a month and I absolutely cannot miss class if I miss one pass or fail the class so

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Guilford Host1: Maybe toward the end of the meeting or we could do this online. We could look at some dates that might work for July.

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Guilford Host1: I'm sorry to have to ask you to be flexible when everything is hard so crazy, but there's just nothing I can do about July.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: It's mine. I'm sure we can all figure that out. Yeah. Thank you.

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Guilford Host1: But are we meeting in July is probably going to be something that

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I'm

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Definitely

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Guilford Host1: Okay. That being said, what would you all like me to do. I mean, obviously, when I get those suggestions back around changes to the manual I

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Guilford Host1: Would be happy to send that document out to all of you, so you can see what changes are being proposed. I don't know how expensive they are

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Guilford Host1: And no, you know, Donna You and I are part of a working group around putting the manual together the first place. I don't know if the rest of you would like

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Guilford Host1: Us the working group to look at the changes and then we're in our thoughts on the team meeting or if we want to, you know, do this as a process together. What are your thoughts.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I'm happy to help. I think we should do whatever is most efficient.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I'm happy to whatever is most efficient, even if it means if you want us to be included, making myself with that.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: You guys have worked hard on it and we trust your judgment. So I think whatever is whatever is best to be efficient with it.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, I think we need like a quick turnaround so on on that issue, just so we can move on to the more important things that's happening in our town and outside I agree Clarice

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Guilford Host1: Yeah. And so do you feel like the quickest turnaround would be to sort of all do it together.

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Guilford Host1: Or to have

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Guilford Host1: You know, two or three of us look at it.

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donnadaniels: I wonder, I wonder, Joe based upon how extensive the changes are

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donnadaniels: If they're if they're not extensive that we could just report out to the group by email, like what the changes will be and and ask if anyone has questions, concerns suggestions.

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donnadaniels: If there are more extensive where you feel we feel like there's something that we really need to discuss to then be able to alert the group that there's something we should discuss because we have concerns and we want to make sure that everybody gets to share their perspective.

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Guilford Host1: That sounds great to me. How does that feel for the rest of you.

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Guilford Host1: Works for me.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Perfectly fine.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, okay.

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Guilford Host1: Great.

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Guilford Host1: Okay there. Any other questions about the governance manual

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Guilford Host1: Okay. Um, so at our last meeting we started talking about defining our values and we really wanted to wait until we were all together to have a conversation about that because everyone's input is going to do.

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Guilford Host1: If it's okay with everyone. I'd actually like to table that conversation. For the time being, because while I think defining our values is going to be really important for us as we move forward as a group, again, we have a lot of other pressing business at the moment.

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Guilford Host1: The one thing that I did want to throw out and I mentioned this to Donna, is that what also might make sense is defining our beliefs, not our individual beliefs, but our beliefs as a Commission.

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Guilford Host1: Because we have people from multiple political parties who are involved. Now, and probably will be in the future.

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Guilford Host1: I was thinking it might make sense, just to be very, very clear about the position.

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Guilford Host1: Or the belief system that informs the positions that we're going to be taking on issues around discrimination moving forward.

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Guilford Host1: Why don't we all feel about that.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I think it's more and I think it's gonna be a the utmost importance to do that.

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Guilford Host1: Thanks, man.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah.

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Agreed.

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Andy: That makes sense.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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Guilford Host1: So I will just move to find in our values and beliefs back and that's can be something that we can attend to, as soon as we have time to attend to it. Does that sound good to everybody. Yes. Yeah. Yes.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, so let's get into a little bit of what's been going on.

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Guilford Host1: As I'm sure most of your

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donnadaniels: Question Joe or sleeps.

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donnadaniels: Yeah, as part of our sticking point, the last meeting and I'm just going to do a high level for those who weren't here.

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donnadaniels: Was this notion of

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donnadaniels: Individuals based upon identity, having different experiences of for instance, living in Guilford

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donnadaniels: I think one of the things we might want to wonder about are what are some like very basic like

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donnadaniels: Beliefs that we want to gather around that's about recognizing difference and supporting people across difference

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donnadaniels: Wanting to see an honor and promote

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donnadaniels: Individuals groups and also wanting to ensure sort of equity and inclusion and justice.

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donnadaniels: Because we had a very challenging conversation that was really about, you know, if you're having a different experience of Guilford, you need to write that out and kind of prove it.

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donnadaniels: And and so I want some some basic ground rules for us on the fact that we're not all occupying feel for Connecticut, the US in the same way.

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donnadaniels: So that's just some framing as people are thinking about this issue of beliefs that was something that was very disturbing to me the thought that you have to somehow prove that you're having a different experience.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, I don't want anyone in this group or anyone period to be put into that position again.

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Guilford Host1: And I got a last meeting informed that

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Guilford Host1: Are needing to get as you say some ground rules. And I think a basic structure of beliefs down paper for us, I think.

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Guilford Host1: As you said, morning, that's probably going to be looking for.

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Guilford Host1: So, anybody else have anything they want to say about that idea.

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No. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, so

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Guilford Host1: As I'm sure most of you are aware, there is a very big youth led initiative for public school reform going on in Guilford right now. And part of

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Guilford Host1: Part of that initiative is the mascot. And there are also several other commitments that

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Guilford Host1: current and former students are asking of

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Guilford Host1: The superintendent and of the Board of Education.

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Guilford Host1: About addressing systemic racism in the school system. So,

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Guilford Host1: They brought this list of commitments up at last week's BOARD OF ED MEETING AND THERE WAS A Special Board of Ed meeting last night, specifically to talk about these commitments and so

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Guilford Host1: These commitments include completing an audit of current curricula K through 12 using the culturally responsive curriculum rubric.

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Guilford Host1: providing comprehensive training for all teachers on how to discuss race and the difficult discussions on these topics including anti bias training.

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Guilford Host1: And tools to examine and dismantle internalized racism
discontinue the mascot and moniker of go for place full from a Guilford
Indian to one that is not racist.

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Guilford Host1: ensure accountability and transparency when racist or
Zena phobic acts of comments are made by teachers or students, regardless
of the intention hire more diverse teachers at all levels and organize a
virtual meeting to discuss these matters so that that

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Guilford Host1: So,

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Guilford Host1: Know, Andy. Can you kind of

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Guilford Host1: Your directly involved in this, but at least 10 logged in
all of this.

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Andy: Yeah.

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Guilford Host1: Feel for too long and crazy, we're at the

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Guilford Host1: Board of Ed meeting last night. So we do

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Clarice Yasuhara: Sorry, I was at the Board of Ed meeting as well as the
after meeting the meeting. Afterwards, the group. The youth group helps

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Guilford Host1: Me work great. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: So Andy You want to just tell us, and briefly about
what's going on with the movement as you understand it.

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Andy: I'm sure you know, as he said, I'm not the leader of the movement.
I'm just been involved, to a certain extent, but

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Andy: Really, I think it's, it's wonderful what sprung up over the last few weeks.

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Andy: People who I would high school with have really taken the lead in town and trying to address some of these problems that have just lingered for such a long time, especially the mascot, but also expanding to what you were talking about with curriculum and behavior in the schools.

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Andy: They conducted a really great letter writing campaign recently to the shoreline times after there was, I think, well, number of problems, but there was that really awful.

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Andy: Just racist fear mongering in the shoreline times about

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Andy: People coming in to Luke Clinton crossing and it was just ridiculous.

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Andy: But

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Andy: They responded to that very forcefully

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Andy: So regarding

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Andy: Of all the buttons Guilford lately terms of

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Andy: Administrators

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Andy: Dealing with them post relating to

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Andy: Black Lives Matter.

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Andy: So,

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Andy: That's kind of what I've seen so far. Also,

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Andy: A really great

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Andy: Google Doc going around about

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Andy: Kind of what people think. Gilbert should be doing and all sorts of ways also related to

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Andy: What law enforcement should be doing. How should how we should be changing things there.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, great.

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Guilford Host1: Do you want to talk a little bit about what happened at the meeting last night and at the after meeting.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, the

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Clarice Yasuhara: SO THE BOARD OF ED MEETING THE FIRST address that coronavirus and going back to school in the fall, or how that's going to look and then

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Clarice Yasuhara: They went on and on about having the conversation to about all the all the racism incidents and how to go about changing that and

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Clarice Yasuhara: As I was reading the comments that kept popping up in the in the during the meeting.

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Clarice Yasuhara: A lot of people were frustrated that, you know, it wasn't immediate action being taken. That's what they that's what they want. They I

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Clarice Yasuhara: Think, from my understanding is that, you know, once they get that mascot taken down. Like, I think that's going to be like the good domino effect to like make all the other changes that they're the feel for it needs.

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Clarice Yasuhara: And so they were very frustrated with the board because they thought that they were going to get a vote on it and it would just going to be done and over with and

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Clarice Yasuhara: It just seemed like another delay tactic for them. I think that's what, that's, that's, that was the feeling of frustration that the youth group was experiencing. Um, but, you know, essentially.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Essentially the you know the Dr. Friedman and aboard. We're talking about everything that he taught. He told us about, you know, just the

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Clarice Yasuhara: The logistic side of it and you know how to just go about bringing that change that one change and then

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Clarice Yasuhara: Making everything else done, but the the youth group was actually very well organized and

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Clarice Yasuhara: As Dr. Friedman told us they are recent alarms. The, you know, they seem to be kind of

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Clarice Yasuhara: Route. The, the US, they're not here in Guilford anymore. So I think that's also a little bit part of the frustrations, because as they're no longer residents in town. You know how much weight can their complaint have

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Clarice Yasuhara: Though you know I think now, they're going to move on to like try to get

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Clarice Yasuhara: More like minded people that are currently in town and to to speak up and to join their efforts which I applaud them for

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Clarice Yasuhara: So, I believe, Eliza. I think you were there, you're one of the leaders of the group.

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Eliza Summerlin: Yeah, sorry I'm I'm Eliza.

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Eliza Summerlin: Welcome. Thank you. I'm sorry, I'm just happening in because I don't have a lot of context for this meeting, but I mostly just wanted to listen and see what was happening, but I can speak a little bit

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Eliza Summerlin: About the efforts last night. Um, there is a good, I would say a good chunk of the people who are organizing

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Eliza Summerlin: Pressure to change the mascot are

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Eliza Summerlin: Guilford high school alumni, I would say, like, primarily, like in our mid to late 20s. Um, so, who have graduated in the last, you know, five to 10 years. Um, and I think there is, there's been a call.

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Eliza Summerlin: For us to be, I think, I think there's a fear that

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Eliza Summerlin: Simply pushing for the mascot changes is can just be a symbolic victory and can sort of absorb the Board of Ed or anybody else from taking other action and so

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Eliza Summerlin: I think we're going to try to make our efforts be as sort of intersection as possible and other like tangible efforts that will make people's daily lives better beyond just a mascot, I do also agreed that if we frame it correctly, the mascot could be the first domino

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, thank you.

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Guilford Host1: Thanks will really guys are here. Welcome. Yeah. Um, I do want to throw out that

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Guilford Host1: It's my understanding that part of the reason that they did not take a vote last night.

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Guilford Host1: Was that I'm sure we're all aware of what happened in killingly with the mascot situation there. They do not want to repeat that situation and Guilford so

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Guilford Host1: Unfortunately it's delaying the situation because they really want to make sure that members of the public who do not agree that the mask that should be changed, and there are quite a few of them.

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Guilford Host1: Have an opportunity to voice their concerns and also that there's an opportunity to present more education around this issue to people who are against it, so that this doesn't become a huge issue of contention. And certainly, you know, we get to the point where the mascot is changed.

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Guilford Host1: We don't want to oversell like killing me.

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Guilford Host1: Donna Clarice and I actually met with Paul Freeman on Tuesday.

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Guilford Host1: Donna, do you want to speak to what we discussed at that meeting.

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donnadaniels: I mean, I, I feel like it was lot, a lot of us sort of hearing plans for the meeting that took place. Yes, last night.

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donnadaniels: And there was a request from Dr. Freeman that we take a position on the issue of the mascot.

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donnadaniels: And so that is something for four Commissioners gathered here to discuss this evening. I think Clarice Jill and I felt that that was a

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donnadaniels: A fair ask and something that we could gather around. But it's this is the moment for us to discuss that and to kind of wonder how what what we might want to say how we might want to go about it, but I feel that in keeping with the spirit of this Commission.

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donnadaniels: It's sort of a no brainer for me that we would be in support of that change.

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Guilford Host1: And just to tag on to that. I'd also like to say again, when I talked to Matt Foley

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Guilford Host1: Because we've been waiting for these issues of governance that have taken us months and women to get straightened out now that we're finally close to the finish line there.

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Guilford Host1: were starting to be given some leeway and some responsibility on the town. And so we have been given the green light to issue a public statement.

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Guilford Host1: We just need to submit it to the Board of selectmen for with you before we put it out. This will be our first public statement. They don't really know the quality of our work yet so I understand the asked. So just to put that out there.

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donnadaniels: Add the main thing I just wanted to build. I'm sorry queries to speak over you, is that I'm Dr. Friedman also shared that

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donnadaniels: They have done outreach to native groups in this state.

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donnadaniels: Around this issue of, like, whether they perceive it as an honorific, which is one of the lines of argument for why it should be maintained.

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donnadaniels: And all three tribes have said no, they do not see it as that, surprise, surprise. So, um, so I just want to give that as as contacts that what we, we would be doing

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donnadaniels: Is honoring the wishes of the people who are being impacted by this and the and the ways in which racism has coalesced around indigenous people, this would be about dismantling that and actually signing those native groups. Yeah.

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Guilford Host1: I agree, and I actually have the quotes, Paul, send me the quotes from all four tribes that have

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Guilford Host1: Asked that you know all talents and Connecticut cease and desist, but one is actually directed to go for specifically the other three I believe are directed killingly

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Guilford Host1: But because you know that only happened a year ago. It's still very much applicable here but one from this year in 2020 is directed specifically to Guilford

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Guilford Host1: And that's from a sequel nation. So we have four nations that are saying using, you know, Native Americans as mascots is demeaning

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Guilford Host1: Stereotyping discriminatory and basically acceptable and since, you know, part of the governance documents that we just spent you know so much time working on

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Guilford Host1: Says that our primary or one of our

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Guilford Host1: Our primary missions with this Commission is to ensure that whenever we are dealing with an issue that impacts a marginalized group their voice voices must be prioritized

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Guilford Host1: I'm in complete agreement with you, Donna. I absolutely going to

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Guilford Host1: State that I also feel the mascot needs to be changed. Yeah, so I guess.

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Guilford Host1: Maybe if we can take a quick survey of the people here since we're going to need to do a vote tonight on this issue and D Clarice morning

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Guilford Host1: Oh that's doing yay or nay, and I'll take it one at a time, since we're on zoom and I can't see everyone should the Guilford mascot be changed, Andy.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, various

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Guilford Host1: Yay marine

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Yay.

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Guilford Host1: And Donna, I know you're a gay the gay so soon. We got a form of five voting. Yay. To put out a statement public statement supporting the Guilford mascot change. I want to say personally that I'm very, very happy and excited that we can finally speak publicly on this.

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Andy: Very

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Guilford Host1: Large except stay quiet on it.

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donnadaniels: That it is deeply meaningful that this is the first issue.

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donnadaniels: Dress. Yes. No, I'm I feel this. This is deeply symbolic and important when you think about the history of this nation. The first displace the first depression oppressed the first marginalized or indigenous peoples, so it was feels absolutely correct inappropriate.

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Thank you.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think we should put down in our statement.

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Andy: And I don't know how powerful the statement will be in terms of

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Andy: legal language and whereas this whereas that but

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Andy: I think that certainly be good to have some sort of

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Andy: mention of the fact that Gilbert history goes back well before 1639

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, that speaks to that issue to

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Clarice Yasuhara: Does anybody have

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Clarice Yasuhara: Experience writing these sorts of

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Clarice Yasuhara: Declaration.

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Guilford Host1: Not a legal standpoint that we could certainly

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Guilford Host1: Look at

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Guilford Host1: That one more person popping in I'm are so welcome.

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Guilford Host1: I actually did draft up a statement on the chance that we would all be in agreement on this issue, which I thought would probably be quite good.

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Guilford Host1: To an obviously it's not just coming from me. It's something that I want to share with all of you and have edits and, you know, bringing the pieces that are really important to all of us. I just needed to get it out of my head and down deeper

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Guilford Host1: There are two things that I would really like to make sure that we incorporate into this statement. The first is some empathy.

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Guilford Host1: Or some understanding

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Guilford Host1: Directed at the people who are very much against the change based on this idea that in 1949. It was the mascot was changed from the Rams to the Indians in honor to

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Guilford Host1: Or in order to honor Native people

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Guilford Host1: We obviously know at this point in time that that's not appropriate. And we know that primarily because Native Americans are telling us it's not appropriate. It is not an honor. It's discriminatory is devaluing

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Guilford Host1: But I really would like to come from a place that is not shaming and does not stoke more division. If we can accomplish that.

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donnadaniels: I have my. I'm sorry.

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donnadaniels: I'm honoring and what context.

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Guilford Host1: By saying basically the understand why, at the time, this may have seemed appropriate our understanding of what is appropriate has changed and evolved over time and

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donnadaniels: It was honoring in the context of white supremacy. It was honoring to the Lord, the story of the West, like let's put it in historical context.

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Guilford Host1: Was it. I mean, and I'm

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donnadaniels: 49 Joe I actually did. I did a little research after that period came up

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donnadaniels: Um,

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donnadaniels: And there was a movement then and while it may be perceived as honoring. It was actually Rhian scribe thing.

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donnadaniels: Okay, sort of, so I don't know if we want to log that I get it that our standards have shifted and I get the need for empathy.

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donnadaniels: I, I actually do not believe in this notion of the honorific

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donnadaniels: Okay, in the context of white supremacy.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: No.

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Guilford Host1: Not in the context of white supremacy, not ever. I think Donna you've had a lot more education around this particular piece of the issue than I have. And I'm so glad that you're talking about it because

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Guilford Host1: The way that it's been presented to me from several sources is that, you know, this was, as I said, meant to honor the Native American roots of Guilford

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Guilford Host1: So,

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Guilford Host1: And I'd love to talk to you, not necessarily right now but

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Guilford Host1: The time a little more about, you know, the actual narrative, the narrative of white supremacy and sort of

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Guilford Host1: It sounds like

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Guilford Host1: Implementing more racism around

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Guilford Host1: How Native Americans.

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donnadaniels: Viewed and I taught on. I'm just gonna, I'm just gonna float. This idea honoring Native people would have been to give their land back

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Guilford Host1: Right. Okay. So we scratch that piece, scratch that I

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donnadaniels: realized I had her

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Eliza Summerlin: I was. Yeah, I was just gonna throw I I live in Seattle.

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Eliza Summerlin: And in Seattle. There's a campaign that's called the real rent campaign, which is where you're supposed to pay rent to the do Amish tribe, since we are on occupied lands.

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Eliza Summerlin: And I don't I just did a quick Google search. And I couldn't find anything that's similar to that in Connecticut, but

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Eliza Summerlin: I don't know if there once if there should be like any call for, you know, any form of like reparations like I've just been thinking about how

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Eliza Summerlin: Changing the mascot like stops actively harming Native people, but how can we incorporate it into a way of like also like materially benefiting Native people in some capacity.

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Guilford Host1: I think that's a great point and one idea that I did have curries you brought up the

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Guilford Host1: Issue of thanksgiving and how kids are being taught in the public school system about Thanksgiving in Guilford

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Guilford Host1: And one of the other arguments that I've heard about keeping the mascot is that, you know, there has to be some way for Guilford to honor native or indigenous people. So what I was wondering is whether this might be a good time to introduce the idea of changing

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Guilford Host1: The celebration of Columbus Day to indigenous peoples day in gophers and use that day as an annual day of community education.

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Guilford Host1: For children and adults around the actual history of what happened here. Because clearly, many of us, obviously, myself included.

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Guilford Host1: Don't have a really clear understanding of what went down. So I don't know if the board of selectmen would go for that, but I think

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Guilford Host1: Tying in a community efforts with the removal of the mascot to branch out into larger territory. I'm certainly open to the idea of reparations. I think it's a good one.

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Guilford Host1: Where I mean how are we all feeling about that we've got the statements, remove the mask that that will draft. Do you want to try to link in for the Community action at this time. Yeah.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think it's a good i think it's it's a good idea. I mean,

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, the, the Columbus Day is definitely a good start for them to do because, you know, the fourth graders, they have the colonial days that they do every year and you know they dress up as and live life in the colonial area here, which you know is

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Clarice Yasuhara: Tiring come back on.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Which is just

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Clarice Yasuhara: Kind of enforcing that white supremacy.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Or that

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Clarice Yasuhara: conquistador it kind of mentality. You know, it's like

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Clarice Yasuhara: The fourth graders. This year, didn't have the opportunity to do it because of cool bid and it's a Guilford tradition.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Those

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Clarice Yasuhara: I believe very ingrained in the culture.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Here. So, for us to kind of do

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Clarice Yasuhara: Indigenous day on Columbus that instead of column think that would be a good counterbalance to it and then you know maybe somewhere down the line, be able to just refrain that educational thing that educational experience that every elementary school kid has hearing

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Guilford Host1: Donna

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Guilford Host1: Donna

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donnadaniels: I mean, you know, colonial days have been complained about
Clarice oh

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Clarice Yasuhara: Okay, I

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donnadaniels: Don't know. Yeah. I mean, I'm sure, not by the large number. But, you know, certainly by my

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donnadaniels: By Dr. Hazel Carvey who co leads the book group my writing and justice book group when her child went through the Guilford school system, and he is now in his late 20s.

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donnadaniels: She can play complain vociferously because she is a historian who have a like deep, deep foundational issues with this.

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donnadaniels: And you know, we might want to decouple these things though just for efficiency sake, given that what I'm what Dr. Freeman needs in the short term.

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donnadaniels: To prepare for this next round is one thing, but I am not shying away from you know what it means to then circle back to these issues and address the issue of indigenous peoples day

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Guilford Host1: I think I was, um, my thought around coupling them was that it could actually be part of the statement or presented with the statement that because we've, you know,

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Guilford Host1: we've listened to both sides of the issue. You know that one of the concerns is that, you know, without this

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Guilford Host1: The Native American you know heritage and Guilford will be completely lost. So to that end, we propose hosting a celebration.

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Guilford Host1: Educational forum around, you know, Native American history in Guilford annually, you know, starting this year, probably need to be on zoom going forward.

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Guilford Host1: If it feels like that's a little bit too clumsy or too much to sort of tackle all at once. I can definitely understand why you want a couple of them. I just

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Guilford Host1: My thought was that the one would make a good segue into the other again is that it's not just focused on the school system, which is a concern, but also educating the community at large. Yeah.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I mean, yeah, that's why we were formed you know that that's our main goal is to educate the public so

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, we got that we got to move forward but Donna is right, we need to make a statement to in regards to the

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Clarice Yasuhara: To the mascot. And then, you know, let that be what causes the domino effect to get to the new days into the Thanksgiving.

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Clarice Yasuhara: And it was like, oh,

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Clarice Yasuhara: I'm sorry.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: No. No, go ahead. I'll wait.

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Clarice Yasuhara: And I think wasn't there like a power festival over less last summer.

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Clarice Yasuhara: At the fairgrounds

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Guilford Host1: Did you at the fairgrounds have an asset every year.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, no.

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Guilford Host1: Worries

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Clarice Yasuhara: Who brings that

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I was just gonna say that, you know, clearly, Paul Freeman as a solid statement. And I think that we should do that.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Without making one dependent on the other. I think it would be very easy to add a few sentences in the end about

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Next steps in, in general, we look to in a very broad strokes. But lean towards where we're going to head as a group.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Without making one dependent on the other. I think, you know, it'll take some word smithing and

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maureen's iPhone 8+: You know, probably going back and forth a couple of times without being too time intensive, but I think there is a way to make the one solid statement and then bring forward thoughts for moving forward without being too specific, but opening the door for for rapid action moving forward.

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Guilford Host1: Great.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: If that makes sense.

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Guilford Host1: It does. And I'm seeing in a chat from allies of it. She seems to be on the same page with all of this. So statement will

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Guilford Host1: Be specifically addressing the mascot issue. And then, as we've presented. We can either tag on to, you know, the presentation or immediately follow up with the next action step which would be doing an

educational Forum on Indigenous peoples day. How was that sitting with everyone.

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donnadaniels: Yeah, I like that. I do very much. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: And I do think the idea of reparations is a good one.

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Guilford Host1: I'm feeling like that's going to be

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Guilford Host1: That's also going to be a really challenging issue, which doesn't mean that we should not tackle it.

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Guilford Host1: I think if we could maybe

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Guilford Host1: Put that on the table for our July meeting after this first round has been frail.

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Guilford Host1: So for myself that I can you know

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Guilford Host1: Look into some of the

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Guilford Host1: Research and also the

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Guilford Host1: The real rent campaign that allies. I mentioned, and we all have a little time to consider how we might do this.

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Guilford Host1: I think that would be my preference on that particular issue.

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Guilford Host1: You know,

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donnadaniels: It's an Nadia issue for people because generally people are more comfortable with thinking about racism as an interpersonal as opposed to an institutionally enforce thing.

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donnadaniels: So it's really about like how are we setting up more important conversation about structural or systemic racism to get people

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donnadaniels: To go to that place to think about what's the response to, you know, decades of that it's reparations it's it's a restorative framework. So I think that's something you have to set up.

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donnadaniels: But the one thing that I wanted to come back to related to indigenous peoples day and I don't know when this is going to happen, but whenever the writing and justice group.

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donnadaniels: Starts to reconvenes a this year's reading unit. So that goes from the fall through next spring was going to be on the experiences of indigenous people.

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donnadaniels: So there's going to be an opportunity for people if they want to attend that reading group to dig into fiction and to dig into a framing around these issues of indigenous media day that are with a local perspective as well as a broader national perspective.

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Guilford Host1: I think that's great is the writing for justice book. We're going to be meeting online or waiting until things reopen

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donnadaniels: There's a conversation right now about whether or not we do something in the short term.

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donnadaniels: But what it's looking more like to me as something that might be virtual in the fall. Okay, great.

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Guilford Host1: That could be a really important piece of all of us.

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Guilford Host1: Okay. Any more thoughts around the mask that issue specifically

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Guilford Host1: Okay, then what I'm proposing, we do is actually move

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Guilford Host1: On to a Google sort of working with that.

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Guilford Host1: I'll start a thread, we can you know all put our ideas together.

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Guilford Host1: Donna if that's something that you'd be willing to lend your guidance on to make sure that we're on the right track, especially with HISTORICAL PIECE. That would be fantastic.

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Guilford Host1: And then, you know, we'll get it out to everyone for a final review. I want to say.

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Guilford Host1: The next I know they determine when the next Special Board of Ed meetings them to be last night.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think they're gonna do it again next week.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, then this needs to happen with sort of lightning or candidate. We need to get the statement out before the next do you meeting so that they know that they have our support, so

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Guilford Host1: Maybe we can get that process started tomorrow, I can send out an email tomorrow morning.

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Guilford Host1: Morning. For me, I know you're super busy, but if you just have these thoughts that you'd like to have included, you can send them to me via email, you can text them to me. If there's things that you want to have addressed, and we'll make sure that they get incorporated

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think

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Clarice Yasuhara: The only thing that I'm Dr. Friedman said

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Clarice Yasuhara: That isn't that we have to acknowledge as well is that

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Clarice Yasuhara: Even though we're going, we're pushing to we're in agreement that the mascot needs to be changed.

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Clarice Yasuhara: For the years in which the mascot was the Indians. They are not going we're not going to go back and erase that history.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Because you know he was very clear about not you know taking trophies out or you know banners down or removing your books that have the the status symbol and stuff so

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think that might be you know kind of where we appease the naysayers.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Which is

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Clarice Yasuhara: I guess the compromise.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Compromise or or I challenge it. It could be a way of ensuring people don't forget the history that

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah.

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Needed to be changed.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah, you know,

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donnadaniels: And I think that's just wording that says going forward.

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donnadaniels: So that we don't

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donnadaniels: Were wording, that's about retroactive.

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donnadaniels: I don't think we have to play out what his strategies so much is just positioning the statement that going forward. We would like you know we support them mask opting changed. Okay. Yeah.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Any experience writing these sorts of statements so

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Oh,

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Clarice Yasuhara: Here we go.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, then I'll get that email out first thing tomorrow morning, so we can get that draft taken care of, if Matt needs to look at it realistically, we want to get it out by Friday and we need to get a 10 by Thursday, which means we have a day.

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Guilford Host1: Get this done. So I think that also speaks to Donna's point of keeping it brief and to the point.

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Guilford Host1: Since

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Guilford Host1: We're running on a very tight timeline.

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Guilford Host1: The other idea that I wanted to bring up when we met with Paul Freeman. He actually asked for oversight from our commission on both the

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Guilford Host1: Materials that are offered on the school systems website around things like how to talk around or how to talk about race.

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Guilford Host1: And said that he would be happy to come in for, you know, a quarterly or bi annual audit with us to sort of talk about what steps, they'll be taking going forward to meet these commitments that you've asked for.

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Guilford Host1: And my suggestion. During that meeting was that we actually have not an audit, per se, but have a meeting that we hold with

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Guilford Host1: Heads of different town departments either once or twice a year.

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Guilford Host1: To discuss, you know, anti racism, anti discrimination initiatives that are being implemented by all of the different departments. This will enable us to all sort of keep each other in a loop to keep different departments accountable and also

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Guilford Host1: You know there are, I think, are I'm understanding quite a few things that are different town departments do that the public's not necessarily aware of

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Guilford Host1: Around discrimination, for example, I know that the police department does anti discrimination and anti racism training every year. I don't think a lot of people know that about them. So it would also be an opportunity for them to

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Guilford Host1: You know, sort of have their, their voices amplified the good things that they're doing in the community that they might not be aware of.

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Guilford Host1: This sort of goes into our next

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Guilford Host1: item on the agenda, which is a Donna and I have a meeting setup with butch Hyatt, who is the deputy chief of police at the moment.

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Guilford Host1: Sure. You all know that she's Hutchinson has retired. So it's a very, very, very strong probability that deputy chief pilot is going to be our next chief police have had a conversation with him that went really well.

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Guilford Host1: He is very, very open to talking with us about how we can work together. And so I'd like to propose this idea to him when Donna and I speak to him on Friday. If you all think that it's worth pursuing.

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Guilford Host1: Absolutely, yeah.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah, I think it's great idea.

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Guilford Host1: Andy, are you on that.

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Andy: You can make sense.

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Andy: And I think

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Andy: Certainly at least from what I've seen in the group that's been set up by recent alumni would like to see

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Andy: You have some answers from Guilford police what they're doing and

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Andy: Things like why they've taken like militarized equipment from the federal government, things like that.

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Okay.

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Guilford Host1: I think there's every likelihood to that it please department would be happy to talk with

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Guilford Host1: To go for us about that, about anything that they any questions they might have

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Guilford Host1: And, you know, in fact, I can say that I know Bush would because when I asked him a question, he said yes. He will be very happy to meet with you know leaders of the bill for youth movement can talk to them about their concerns. So, you know, that's certainly something that we can help facilitate

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Guilford Host1: Yeah. Do any of you have other specific questions that you would like us to ask

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Guilford Host1: But on Friday.

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Guilford Host1: For concerns that you want birds depart from, you know, sort of the eight the, you know, General eight item police

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Guilford Host1: Review. I do.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I don't know if you remember from our advocates day so but

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Clarice Yasuhara: One day they the police department does a very good job at like sponsoring your belief, the Special Olympics. And one of the things that they do is they go around town like the little marathon parade and they carry that blue lives stripe flag and it just gets under my skin. I think

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Clarice Yasuhara: You're yeah that gets into my skin. So I would like to see them discontinue the use of that.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Flag in support of all the racist.

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Clarice Yasuhara: anti racist conversations that are happening. I think if they do that.

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Clarice Yasuhara: You know, because there is also a lot of talk about police officers, you know,

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Clarice Yasuhara: being held accountable to their peers actions, you know, they can't just stand by and watch what happened anymore and i and i that flag just

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah.

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Andy: I agree. I think we can point to what happened in Middletown where they took down the so called Blue Lives Matter flag.

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donnadaniels: I'm Middletown PD did that.

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Yeah.

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Andy: There was

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Andy: I think they did it like there was maybe a petition or some sort of public outcry about it and within I think a day they agreed to take it down. I

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Clarice Yasuhara: Believe, even at the Capitol in Hartford. There's, I believe I saw signage about it somewhere along the holes but

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donnadaniels: Really, thank you for raising that curious because I did not realize that. And that's a really fair request, especially in this context. Well, thank you for raising that.

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donnadaniels: I mean, Joe. This isn't meant to be an initial meeting. And so there would be an opportunity for, for which to come to one of our meetings in the future. Correct.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, and he's very open about the possibility of doing that. Yeah.

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donnadaniels: So I think the intention with this meeting and with the meeting with lies Petra, and then the meeting we had last week with with

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donnadaniels: Paul Freeman is just to get some conversation started. It's not to stand in for all conditioners, getting to meet and work with these folks.

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donnadaniels: So just and I just want to make sure that people know that that was what Joe and I were thinking about just jump starting conversations in light of the current moment so that we can then move forward together with these community partners.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, I'm glad you said that. Donna. We don't want any members of the Commission to feel excluded from the process so that you know you can't have direct access to any of the people that we're talking to

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Guilford Host1: Thank you for saying that Donna

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Guilford Host1: Marines, you have anything that you want us to address while we're talking with the police.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Now not other than what's been discussed

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Guilford Host1: Okay. Okay, great.

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Guilford Host1: Okay. And so the next item on the agenda on the agenda is working with the Guilford foundation so it's done. I just mentioned, we're also

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Guilford Host1: She and I are going to meet with lies of Petra, not this week, but next to talk about the ways that the Guilford Foundation and the Human Rights Commission can work together.

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Guilford Host1: And of course will be reporting back on what happens at all of these meetings at the next our next meeting.

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Guilford Host1: Um, okay. So I already talked about the possibility of creating by annual review process for town government

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Guilford Host1: The idea was given to me during the conversation with Margie Shapiro, who is with the Anti Defamation League, and one of my favorite people in general that

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Guilford Host1: One of the things that our Commission can do is to set up sort of a database of a sort of resources for anti racism literature podcasts videos, articles.

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Guilford Host1: Anti LGBT plus same

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Guilford Host1: Differently abled

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Guilford Host1: People, so basically any kind of discrimination that we are looking to address setting up a big database of resources that will be linked to the webpage on the town website easily searchable.

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Guilford Host1: And kept up to date.

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Guilford Host1: Her suggestion. If we decided to do this would not be to attempt to correlate all this information ourselves. But to us, you know college students who have some time to help us with research and then that the information

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Guilford Host1: Ourselves and Eliza just

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Guilford Host1: Mentioned, maybe something that should be created in conjunction with the library, we certainly could think about partnering with the library on that. Thank you. Eliza. I feel like you should have a seat on the condition with this.

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donnadaniels: We could also work with the library to explore that could be a formal internship.

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Guilford Host1: At the library.

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Guilford Host1: That's a good idea, like

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maureen's iPhone 8+: a paid internship for someone. Yeah, it's a great idea.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: You know, also, just to throw out there. There's so many experts in the community and different things. So a way for people. Maybe that in turn could then that people the community could submit resources and then they could be vetted before being posted

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, I think that's a great idea.

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Guilford Host1: Andy Clarice when you think of the idea in general.

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Andy: I'm sorry, go ahead.

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Clarice Yasuhara: No, I was gonna say it's it's certainly is a

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Clarice Yasuhara: It's a monumental task because you know there's so much that's constantly changing.

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Clarice Yasuhara: But it's definitely worth it.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Especially if we can delegate somebody else to do.

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Guilford Host1: I don't think any of us has time right now.

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Guilford Host1: To me we can coordinate, but not to actually do all the necessary research. I think that actually, you know, speaking of Community resources morning

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Guilford Host1: I think that all of us that are on this condition, have a certain level of expertise in specific areas.

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Guilford Host1: So maybe, you know, different, different members of the Commission could be assigned sort of different subjects that they're very familiar with and comfortable with just to sort of that what's coming in.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Now, absolutely.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, Andy, what are you going to say about it.

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Andy: Oh, I mean, I think I agree with what everyone's been saying so far, just that it is a really important and mammoth task.

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Andy: But I do like the idea of maybe having

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Andy: No assigned areas that we can just double check and make sure are in order.

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Guilford Host1: So this would be obviously a little bit of a longer term project and probably not going to get this done before July meeting.

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Guilford Host1: But it sounds like good initial steps would be to reach out to the library and see what resources they might have

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Guilford Host1: That you know to commit to this, if they're willing to do that. And also, it would be worth getting a think of formal partnership going with the library at this point in general.

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Guilford Host1: I have one contact there. So, anybody else have

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donnadaniels: Rob closely on the book group.

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Guilford Host1: Of course, I'm sorry about

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Guilford Host1: That. Yeah, that would be great. Thank you.

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donnadaniels: Me feel wonderful.

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donnadaniels: Ally and partner for us.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, if you'd be willing to to do the bridge building on that.

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Guilford Host1: Sure. Thank you.

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Eliza Summerlin: Sure, a little bit of context to one of the I did one of the things that came out of the Board of Ed meeting was sort of a call for more education about

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Eliza Summerlin: Like why the mascot is racist and why it has to be changed. And so we've been thinking about trying to partner with the library for them to do some type of panel discussion or educational thing around.

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Eliza Summerlin: A mascot chain. So if we could, like we people who I'm organizing with would also be happy to be part of that effort.

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Guilford Host1: That would be great. And one thing that I can offer we can offer back everyone else is comfortable with this.

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Guilford Host1: You know, Matt has said that we can use the town zoom account to do any kind of educational programming that we want to do. I mean, I still need to get approval.

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Guilford Host1: Before we you know announce anything. But if it's something that we could sponsor or co sponsor with the library, just to kind of throw some extra you know community weight behind it. It's everybody on the Commission agree with that as an idea.

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Yes, no second

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Guilford Host1: Guess the one question I would have is whether

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Guilford Host1: There will be Native American speaking on set panel.
Yeah. Great. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Great.

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Guilford Host1: And that actually, I'm sorry, brings me back to

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Guilford Host1: Another idea that we talked about with Paul Freeman on
Tuesday, which is to have a liaison with a gopher high school student who
would come to meetings every month and

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Guilford Host1: You know, we can give this that students are have access
to what we're doing and make sure that we're hearing whatever concerns
the student body has

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Guilford Host1: at DHS and then we've talked before about the importance
of hearing youth voices, since they tend to be so disenfranchised, you
know, and aren't really in a big position of power, although youth are
doing some incredibly powerful things at this point. So,

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Guilford Host1: How do y'all feel about that possibility without having
someone I guess it would be, you know, for a full academic year, that
would come to our meetings every month sit in give suggestions, much like
allies is doing.

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Guilford Host1: How, how does that fit everyone

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donnadaniels: I'm sorry. Would you would you say this again.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, sure. I know it's a lot. And I'm sort of circling back as I'm remembering things. It was the idea of having a liaison, a student at the Guilford school who would be invited to join our meetings every month so that we could coordinate what we're doing.

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Guilford Host1: With you know efforts student led efforts and also make sure that we have the voice of the younger person adding their perspective to what we're thinking of doing what we're talking about.

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Guilford Host1: Thank you Joe. Yeah, sure.

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Guilford Host1: Boss.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I think it's I think it's a fabulous idea. I think it's a really great way to partner with the Board of Ed and the school system and

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Develop a process. You know, I think that they have elective seniors may have electives that they can take. So maybe it could be something

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Within the school system that they could manage like an application process and maybe a student could get

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Some credits or it could be an elective where it could be super meaningful with, you know, outcomes yet be productive for us and have their voice at the table as well. I could get it gets a great way to partner. Right.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, and I guess their credits have to be earned for community service to a GH OS. Yeah. So I'm assuming that this could be used for that as well.

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Guilford Host1: Done, Andy, are you thoughts. I just think it should be someone who's really passionate about these issues that would be a requirement for me.

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Andy: And hopefully wouldn't be someone who's just checking a box for their call dress. That's what I was thinking.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Yeah, I totally agree. That's why I think there should be some we'd have to be like an application and a vetting process and accountability.

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Guilford Host1: And is that an application that we would want to draw or is that an application that we would want to do in conjunction with

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Guilford Host1: Teaching advisor.

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donnadaniels: We

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Think in conjunction. Right, so we can't do it all. So it's all about the partnership and leveraging the partnership in a way that's meaningful for everyone.

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donnadaniels: I, I, I agree with that as long as that like teacher advisor also is like we have a mission to fulfill so

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maureen's iPhone 8+: It's right

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donnadaniels: It's about crafting something where that person can feel like they're contributing and part of this thing that we like Hubbard focus on right

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maureen's iPhone 8+: I think we would have to set the guidelines and the standards and then just, I'm just saying we shouldn't take on all the work.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: But we should set the guidelines and standards and then partner with them and have them do their due diligence and work and then we would have kind of final say and interview process.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, I think that's that's important.

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Guilford Host1: So,

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Clarice Yasuhara: I'm sorry, with the student council that gets elected by the student body be like a no.

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Clarice Yasuhara: good candidates for that.

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Guilford Host1: I think I'd like to keep it broader than that, you know, I think that um student body.

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Guilford Host1: Can be a reflection and have really high academic achievement and or popularity, neither of which necessarily has to dovetail into a passion for social justice issues. So I actually agree that the passion is the important piece and all about

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Andy: Yeah, I agree with that. I think that you can get very different people in student body government

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Andy: So,

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Clarice Yasuhara: You can have them. I was just asking because I'm

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Clarice Yasuhara: That is a position that is open in my PTO is a liaison with the student government of the elementary school, so I thought maybe that would be a role that I would take that could, you know, get their little voices in here.

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Guilford Host1: I think that's great.

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Guilford Host1: I mean seriously, I mean, we're talking about having someone from high school. And then I don't know that an elementary school student is going to want to join our meetings. Fascinating.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Right. But I mean it just the whatever it is a you know affects their, their lives, you know, just

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Yeah.

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Clarice Yasuhara: For them to like

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Clarice Yasuhara: Outside of the school, just to let them understand how democracy works. Nothing.

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Guilford Host1: No, that's, that's great.

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Guilford Host1: And I think we can certainly come up with some educational initiatives around that for elementary aged children.

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Guilford Host1: I think

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Clarice Yasuhara: I think the middle school.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Middle school or might be okay to like a seventh or eighth grader.

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Guilford Host1: how we feel about that.

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Guilford Host1: In my mind I had, I had just sort of

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Guilford Host1: Gone right suffice for

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donnadaniels: Yeah, I think that's where I'm living to just in terms of the like life experience and sort of perspectives and reading, I think, I think of it more in terms of what high school or

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Andy: Yeah, and I mean I think probably having just the officially a high school representative makes sense. And, you know, certainly if any middle school students are one of a kind, our meetings, they're always welcome.

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Andy: Yeah, but somehow I feel like it would be a bit hard to corral someone to attend every month.

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Andy: from middle school, for instance.

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Guilford Host1: So,

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Guilford Host1: The name that I was given. I can't actually remember the name off the top of my head. I apologize, but I believe she is a teacher who's the head of the feminist club.

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Guilford Host1: It's the it's the organization that's doing a lot with social justice issues in general and from which are

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Guilford Host1: Action around changing the mascot, in particular.

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Guilford Host1: Came

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Guilford Host1: I'm not sure that that was a complete sentence. But anyway, this is the faculty advisor basically for the social justice group at the school.

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Guilford Host1: Wouldn't make sense for me to reach out to her and get this process started sooner rather than later, or would it be better to wait until we have our next meeting and be able to talk about a little bit more about what this application processes look like

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donnadaniels: Wait until the next meeting.

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Guilford Host1: Okay. All right, then let's table that for July.

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Guilford Host1: I'm okay. I know it's late and. Everybody's tired. I have a couple more things that I want to send her one here that popped up after the agenda went out Clarice mentioned, of course, June is Pride month so

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Guilford Host1: Days ago

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Guilford Host1: Stephen Thomas, who is the president of the Connecticut Stonewall foundation reached out to us by our Facebook page by a messenger and wants to know more about what we do and is really interested in the possibility of partnering with us. He actually

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Guilford Host1: Runs the Stonewall speakers, which is a program of the Connecticut Stonewall foundation. It's an all volunteer speaker's bureau comprised of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their allies.

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Guilford Host1: Was originally named speak out and was the creation of the anti violence project of 1988 anti violence project organized during the series for to Hartford area high school students who literally beat and killed 33 year old Richard rail a gay man from whether skills.

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Guilford Host1: That you boys were sentenced to 30 and 40 years for an acting a murder due to unreason fear, hatred and non acceptance of difference. And at that point.

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Guilford Host1: ABP recognize the urgent need for preventative educational program for schools, one that might help to dispel the myths and stereotypes that hurt LGBT people.

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Guilford Host1: And so, speak out later changed his name to Stonewall speakers.

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Guilford Host1: They do zoom presentations are doing zoom presentations at the moment they do other educational initiatives, both in schools and for the general public around LGBT plus issues.

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Guilford Host1: So it seems like a timely alliance.

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Guilford Host1: And I was wondering if we might want to bring him or invite him to one of our next meeting is to speak, speak with us about ways that we might be able to partner with the organization on Community education.

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Sure. I think that's a good idea for others do. Okay. And so, yeah, OK.

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Guilford Host1: Um,

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Guilford Host1: Middletown is going to be

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Guilford Host1: Middletown pride is going to be

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Guilford Host1: What's the word when they stream Middletown pride is going to be streaming this year so

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Guilford Host1: I thought that that might be something that we could promote since it's relatively local and now, from what I understand, aren't going to be, you know, any big pride events on the ground because covered in June. I don't know what September looks like.

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Guilford Host1: Do we want to put the link for Middletown pride on our Facebook page so that people know about it.

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No.

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Andy: Sense. Yeah, okay.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Finally, and this is last thing and I'll let you go.

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Guilford Host1: We have been invited to table at a visual of remembrance and call to action that is clergy lead and will be held on the deal for green this coming Thursday, the day after tomorrow at six o'clock at night.

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Guilford Host1: I know that Stephanie Brown from your stones is going to be there talking about Juneteenth I don't know of any local Juneteenth events that will be happening. I do know that there's going to be sort of a vigil march in New Haven on Friday.

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donnadaniels: I'm there. A couple of things happening in New Haven on Friday altar building ritual.

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donnadaniels: There is a service. I believe going on.

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donnadaniels: At a church. One of the churches on the green. So there are some things happening around June team.

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Guilford Host1: In New Haven and if we could get links to some of that I had somebody sent us a link for one event, but I don't know.

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Guilford Host1: She said that one of the sponsors with black lives matter but i don't i don't know enough about the people or the organizations involved to know if it's the real deal or not. And because so many different

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Guilford Host1: Protests vigils, you know, have been popping up.

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Guilford Host1: I just want to make sure that as far as you pointed out that any

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Guilford Host1: Any events that we promote are led by people of color, specifically for black lives matter.

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donnadaniels: Black Lives Matter New Haven is black lead

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Clarice Yasuhara: And I know, I know that I know at least one or two people that are in the lead team of black lives matter I met them during the

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Clarice Yasuhara: undoing racism workshop

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donnadaniels: Yeah, the New Haven that Black Lives Matter New Haven. That's real.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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donnadaniels: And we could promote things and then core CT is another

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donnadaniels: Site that they're sponsoring the altar building ritual that I saw on Facebook and they they have other events that they host and partner around

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Guilford Host1: Great.

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Guilford Host1: So do we want to then you know post some of that and get the word out on our Facebook page as well. Okay.

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donnadaniels: I think so, yes.

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Guilford Host1: Yes. And then just to return back for a minute to Thursday night.

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Guilford Host1: It is not a black light vigil. We were invited may lead to be able to make connections with other social local social justice groups. So, and just to sort of start getting ourselves out there and introduced to the public.

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Guilford Host1: I'm available to be there on Thursday.

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Guilford Host1: How do we feel about presenting ourselves that this event.

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Clarice Yasuhara: What time is it do you said six. Yeah.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Six marine I will likely not be home by that time.

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Guilford Host1: You're

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maureen's iPhone 8+: not realistic to think

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maureen's iPhone 8+: That it mean if I do by some

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Miraculous X I would be happy to come, but I, I just don't think it's likely

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Guilford Host1: If you do buy some miraculous act. I hope you get a glass of water bed.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Good idea.

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Guilford Host1: Donna indeed you have any thoughts about being at the event, not just yourself, but as a condition presenting at this particular

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Andy: Me, I think.

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Andy: It would be good. Good have a presence. I will not be able to make it Thursday at six.

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Andy: But

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Andy: certainly understand if it's maybe too short a time frame to

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Andy: send someone there. If you are not available.

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Guilford Host1: We have a little suggestion box that I made so that people can write suggestions about things they'd like to see

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Guilford Host1: From the Commission, and I think

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Guilford Host1: Taking an opportunity to do some kind of community engagement is not a terrible one right now.

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Andy: Yeah, I guess I was wondering how that would work with the pandemic and restrictions on kind of exchanging

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Andy: Sorts of things like that. I mean, normally you'd probably have more

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Andy: Things like a sign up sheet or

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Andy: panning out flyers or things like that, but

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Clarice Yasuhara: Yeah, we did that way back when.

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donnadaniels: Yeah, have a sign up that you like handled. What you let. I'm trying to think about this, you'd have to have some kind of sanitizer out near a pen that was being taken care of. Between each person.

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donnadaniels: And then

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donnadaniels: You could put that had in quarantine for a couple of days before you started handling it. So I think we could work around that and the

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donnadaniels: But I completely appreciate your concern.

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Guilford Host1: Yeah, definitely. I mean, I feel like I'm in a good position to go to it since I've already had in help

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Guilford Host1: My body queen.

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Guilford Host1: So if anyone is gonna you know chilled out there and risk their lives for the Commission, I can do that.

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Guilford Host1: And I am available on on Thursday night. So if it's something that you all feel would be useful. I'm happy to do that.

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Guilford Host1: For us.

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Guilford Host1: To answer questions too.

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Clarice Yasuhara: I mean, I might be able to join us this Sunday, I have to discuss with Canto cuz you know I

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Clarice Yasuhara: Have Kadena to to feed and you know it's which

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Guilford Host1: You can do really need to be careful. You haven't infants. So maybe being out on the green and the whole problem with people right now and I'll definitely

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Clarice Yasuhara: No.

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Guilford Host1: I'm just saying that if you decide to decline, even if you are available that would be considered acceptable.

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Clarice Yasuhara: But I mean, at some point, you just there, there's some things you do have to prioritize like you know like I I attended one of the Black Lives Matter.

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Clarice Yasuhara: Marches because I just like I needed to be there and I needed to educate Kate on it. I took him with me and everything. So, and, you know, and I think we need to show

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Clarice Yasuhara: The public that

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Clarice Yasuhara: We have representation and we're, we're here for them, you know, for because there are

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Clarice Yasuhara: You know, a lot of these other Facebook groups popping up and it's not necessarily the outlet that people

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Clarice Yasuhara: were hoping for, or make it, you know, they just don't feel like it's enough. So I think we need to make our presence known to that we're here and we are, you know, starting to address these issues, head on. So,

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Clarice Yasuhara: Again, I'll talk it over with Kendall and see

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Clarice Yasuhara: How it goes. But if I can now I'll go

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Guilford Host1: Donna. Are you cool with

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donnadaniels: having us out there on Thursday.

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donnadaniels: I'm fine. I'm sorry, I can't attend. I have a meeting.

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donnadaniels: I may run until eight that night.

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Guilford Host1: It's fine. I know your work hours tend to be a lot longer than that on a regular basis. Yeah, yeah.

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Guilford Host1: And speaking of that, and I know we're already over time. So I don't want to launch into a big discussion about this now. But in our last meeting, I believe we started having a conversation around providing education around

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Guilford Host1: Issues of racial discrimination specifically

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Guilford Host1: In Guilford, and since

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Guilford Host1: Everything has sort of blown up over the past month. There are so many online trainings meetings initiatives, you know, coming from all over the place.

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Guilford Host1: Around dealing with systemic racism. I've been trying to think about ways that we could provide education around systemic racism that is specific to go first.

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Guilford Host1: And so today on one of said social justice Facebook platforms, a woman of color.

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Guilford Host1: Suggested that a panel of people of color.

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Guilford Host1: Speak their experiences publicly so that white people in Guildford would understand what they've had to endure here.

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Guilford Host1: I know that's something that we've actually talked about back in the beginning. And I know our thought process at that point was that we did not want to call out, people of color.

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Guilford Host1: To as you said at the beginning of this meeting. Donna have to write down their experiences to sort of prove something

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Guilford Host1: I'm wondering if there are since this is coming from a person of color who wants to share her experiences.

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Guilford Host1: If this is an idea that we should maybe reconsider.

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donnadaniels: I mean i i think that it's absolutely something that could be reconsidered.

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donnadaniels: I think how we not make it a forum where people just sit back as if they're not complicit or part of what forms these individuals experiences, how it gets framed is really important.

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donnadaniels: To not have performance. It's, it's actually a community member and if we believe deeply in community. It should disturb anyone if someone has had a negative experience.

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donnadaniels: And I just think right now. It depends. It's person by person for me. I would not do that right now because I'm doing way too much taking care of white people at my job.

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donnadaniels: And and I'm just, I'm not down for doing that, like in my hours outside of work right now I'm I'm literally exhausted.

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donnadaniels: So it just really depends, person to person. But I think that there's value in it. Certainly, if there are people of color who want to tell their stories. Like, I think they should be empowered and I think their voices should be centered

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Guilford Host1: And it makes sense to reach out to her before.

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donnadaniels: I think it wouldn't make sense to understand more what she's envisioning

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donnadaniels: Okay um you know what it, what it is, she's hoping to communicate.

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Guilford Host1: How are other people feeling about this.

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Clarice Yasuhara: It's, it's, it's like I said like, at one point, and I and I told I texted you. That thing of how I felt about those online communities popping up to and it just

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Clarice Yasuhara: You know, I agree with the post that was made today. I was just like, it seems like those

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Clarice Yasuhara: groups were created more for

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Clarice Yasuhara: A lot of the white folks just like self congratulatory in themselves for what it is that you know posting a meme or creating a meme or, or, you know, sharing a link and it's just like it took a toll on me. If you know a few weeks ago.

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Clarice Yasuhara: And I was it's it is exhausting and it's just like, just to keep getting bombarded by the same links in the same

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Clarice Yasuhara: In photographs and the same. It just, it is overwhelming.

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Clarice Yasuhara: But

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Clarice Yasuhara: You know, we, we, if there are others that want to again like Donna said that that want to have their voices lifted. I think that's really our job as a commission to do that, you know, so if there are others.

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Clarice Yasuhara: That are willing to step up to do it.

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Clarice Yasuhara: It's a big ask because

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Yeah.

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Clarice Yasuhara: You know,

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Clarice Yasuhara: It could potentially be putting themselves in in in danger for some verbal abuse if, at the very least, you know, or some online bullying or something along those lines. But like I said, I think it is our job to

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Clarice Yasuhara: To lift their voices and let them and and have them be heard in whatever way they want to

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Guilford Host1: So would we want to invite her to our next meeting or just start with finding out as you said, Donna More information about, you know,

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donnadaniels: I think finding out more information.

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donnadaniels: Because this is an undertaking, it would really have to be thoughtfully framed plan out and facilitated. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Okay.

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donnadaniels: And I do when we do our reading group where we actually gather around a shared text like we have scripted out. What we're going to say, like, very, very intentional.

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donnadaniels: Okay. And part of that is to limit a certain kind of conversation and insist upon a true engagement with

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donnadaniels: texts that are really centering the experiences of people of color because I think it's still very, very easy.

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donnadaniels: For the most well intentioned white person to make it about them for to talk about people, they talk about experiences of differences if they are separate and apart and way far away from their own. And that's precisely the narrative that we're committed to interrupting. Right. Oh.

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donnadaniels: I think just being really, really thoughtful and also what what's our intent because you know just sharing voices doesn't necessarily move

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donnadaniels: Forward or shift action. So we should have an intention. If we should both be responsive to our community and have an intention about what we're hoping such a panel would make possible

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Guilford Host1: That makes a lot of sense.

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Guilford Host1: Maybe in our next meeting. If we could also spend some time talking about

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Guilford Host1: ideas around panels and educational opportunities seem to racism, specifically, is this something that people in the community.

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Guilford Host1: Wants and again no things that we can do that are a specific to Guilford or be are covering topics that are not being covered by all of the other anti racism meetups trainings new general things that are really all over the place.

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Guilford Host1: I know Donna You had spoken about.

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Guilford Host1: The idea of talking about how are the intersection of coven 19 and racism, which I know has been sort of discussed in the media, but I haven't seen any

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Guilford Host1: You know panel discussions about that. I think that might be a great idea to consider and one that just popped into my mind from listening to you talk flurries.

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Guilford Host1: Is talking about the effect that social media has on people of color. You know, when posts like that are coming from, well meaning white allies. Right. So, how to post

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Guilford Host1: More sensitive sensitively or less, or not at all.

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Guilford Host1: You know, to really take people of color, a new account with social media practices. I haven't seen anything on that either. So that's just something that

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Guilford Host1: You know, everyone wants to kind of keep in the back of their minds over the next few weeks. What you know where, what are the holes that we can fill. What are the educational goals we can fill

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Guilford Host1: In what, what can you speak to that is specific to go first systemic racism, a deal first

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Guilford Host1: What can we do to educate people on that.

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Guilford Host1: I think that would be really helpful.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, I know this was a long meeting I really thank you guys for hanging in there and get the

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Guilford Host1: You know, a draft or at least a template out to you all tomorrow morning, so we can get going on.

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Guilford Host1: The statement about the mascot. Again, for those of you who are really busy with work and or motherhood, if you even just want to text ideas.

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Guilford Host1: If that's easiest, please do. And we'll make sure that they're incorporated into the documents we can get that out.

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Okay.

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Guilford Host1: Anything else

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donnadaniels: Want to thank everyone for making the time to be here tonight so so qualitatively.

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donnadaniels: And I really, I really needed to needed that. So thank you all for making the time

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Guilford Host1: And thank you so much, Eliza and Marissa perky

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Guilford Host1: And great to have your input. Marcel, we're glad that you're

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Guilford Host1: Here as an observer. Thank you for joining us tonight. Yeah.

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Eliza Summerlin: Thank you so much for having me.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, if that's it. Then I'm going to call that this meeting the George. Do I have a second

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Clarice Yasuhara: Second,

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Guilford Host1: Baby worry for secondary

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Guilford Host1: And thank you sue for getting all of this. I know it's been a fun thing to keep track of. So thank you for being our intrepid a minute taker, as always.

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Guilford Host1: Everyone have a great night.

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maureen's iPhone 8+: Everyone. Bye.

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Guilford Host1: Bye bye.

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Hi.

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Guilford Host1: All right, thank you. So y'all. Good.

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Guilford Host1: Oh, you're muted.

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9BeEQU: Yes, you had a really productive meeting.

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Guilford Host1: I'm good. I'm that it felt that way. I felt that we're gonna be too.

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9BeEQU: So as far as July goes, Are you going to query everyone about an alternative day besides Tuesday, obviously.

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9BeEQU: Yes. Okay.

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Guilford Host1: include you in that query.

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Guilford Host1: Break as well.

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9BeEQU: Yeah.

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Guilford Host1: I'll send a group. In fact, let me remind myself to do that, you know, to send out a group text in the morning.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, I'm

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Guilford Host1: Okay, great. And hopefully we can get that worked out immediately. So that can go on to bed next agenda. Okay. Yeah.

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9BeEQU: Yeah, that sounds good. And then I will work on

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9BeEQU: Putting the notes together, probably take me

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Yeah.

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9BeEQU: Days.

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9BeEQU: By not going to be time. You guys are busy as well so

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9BeEQU: Okay.

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9BeEQU: Good luck with everything. All right.

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Guilford Host1: Talk to you soon.

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Guilford Host1: Okay, bye.