



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, January 4, 2016

7:30 PM
Room 211

Item Scheduled for Discussion:

#331-15 **Appointment to the Human Rights Commission by His Honor the Mayor**
NICOLA CURTIN, 236 Bellevue Street, Newton, appointed as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire March 15, 2017 (60 days 2/6/16) [11/13/15 @ 11:16AM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion:

#10-16 **Polling location change from Memorial Spaulding School to Temple Beth Avodah**
NEWTON ELECTION COMMISSION requesting the Newton City Council approve a change of polling location for Ward 8, Precinct 2 from the Memorial Spaulding School to Temple Beth Avodah at 45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton beginning with the September 2016 State Primary Election. [12/17/15 @ 5:21 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#357-15 **Request for CPA funding for the Newton Highlands Playground**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Community Preservation Fund's open space and general reserves or fund balance to the Parks & Recreation Department, for the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands Playground at Winchester and Dedham Streets, as described in the proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in November 2015. [12/15/15 @ 12:32 PM]

#332-15 **Resolution to the Governor regarding the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant**
CITY CLERK reporting that the November 3, 2015 Non-binding Ballot Question asking that a resolution be sent by the City of Newton to Governor Charles Baker asking him to instruct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to revoke the operating license of the 42-year-old Pilgrim Nuclear Station, 38 miles from Newton in

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Plymouth, MA, because the safety of the public cannot be assured, was approved by the voters of Newton, 6,168 in favor and 2,819 opposed. [11/18/15 @ 11:03 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #312-15** **Update from Health Department on opiate overdose epidemic**
ALD. COTE, HARNEY AND NORTON, requesting a review and discussion of the opiate overdose epidemic including an update from the Health Department appraising the board on the current situation to include comparative statistics from previous years as to the number of opiate overdoses handled by first responders. In addition, what is being done immediately to take this on and what support can the Board provide. [10/19/15 @ 1:30 PM]

Referred to the Finance and Other Appropriate Committees

- #288-15** **Submittal by the Mayor of the FY17 Capital Improvement Plan**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2017-FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/01/15 @ 1:53 PM]

Referred to the Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #201-15** **Discussion of the condition of the Kennard Estate on Dudley Road**
ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Department regarding the condition of the property located at 246 Dudley Road (Kennard Estate) and how much, if any, repairs and upgrades will be needed as the City relocates the Parks and Recreation Department to that location. [09/01/15 @ 4:00 PM]

Referred to the Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #141-15** **Discussion on tracking the gas utility infrastructure in Newton**
ALD. BROUSAL-GLASER, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, COTE, NORTON AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with *the Director of Urban Forestry*, a representative of the Department of Public Works and a representative of the Law Department about tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure in Newton, new state statutes governing infrastructure repairs, coordination of increased repair work with city operations, the status of negotiations with National Grid to compensate for tree deaths resulting from gas leaks, and the possibility of creating a utilities working group to monitor progress on these and related issues. 05/26/15 @ 2:53 PM]

Referred to the Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #140-15** **Request for updates on the purchase of the Aquinas Site**
PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES requesting that the School Department and/or the Executive Department provide updates on the

progress of the potential purchase of the Aquinas site as well as short and long term plans for uses and operations at the site. [05/20/15 @ 8:53 PM]

Referred to Public Facil, Programs & Serv, and Public Safety & Trans Committees

- #46-15** **Discussion of parking options and permits at municipal & school parking lots**
ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @1:35 PM]
- #31-15** **Proposing an ordinance to limit leaf blower use**
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance to limit the use of leafblowers. [01/26/15 @ 2:20 PM]
- #31-15(2)** **Amend Noise Ordinance restrictions for yard maintenance equipment**
THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting to amend *Chapter 20-13, Noise Control*, relative to time restrictions on the use of yard, garden or grounds maintenance equipment. [03/19/15 @ 12:14 PM]
- #483-14** **Resolution to promote cooperative programs with food establishments**
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing a RESOLUTION to promote a cooperative program with food establishments in the City, the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Commission, the Director of Economic Development and members of the Board of Aldermen, to find opportunities for these establishments to provide their food services for events in the City. [12/02/14 @ 3:56 PM]
- #377-14** **Discussion of proposed changes of use of the Senior Center**
THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion with the Director of Senior Services, the Council on Aging and the Executive Department relative to changes in the use of the Senior Center at 345 Walnut Street. [10/16/14 @ 5:43 PM]

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to appoint Nicola Curtin of 236 Bellevue Street, Newton as a member of the Human Rights Commission. Her term of office shall expire on March 15, 2017 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren

Mayor



Nicola Curtin

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Researcher with expertise in the psychology of organizational climate, mentoring, identity formation, civic engagement, the psychology of gender, race, class, and sexuality, and diversity
- Experienced classroom instructor; large lectures and small seminars
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Extensive experience designing and conducting surveys, experiments, and interview studies
- Extensive data analysis experience; quantitative and qualitative
- Outstanding organizational and administrative skills
- Experienced manager

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Psychology

Clark University., 2011 – present

- Research and publish on issues related to diversity, social change, experiences of underrepresented groups.
- Teach lectures and small seminars on research methods, general social psychology, social identity development, social change behaviors.

Research Associate

University of Michigan, ADVANCE program, 2008 – 2011

- Program promoting institutional diversity (special focus on the science and engineering fields). Responsible for climate assessments: conducting one-on-one in-person and phone-interviews; survey data collection and analysis; and preparing written reports summarizing departmental and campus-wide climate study results on work environment and climate issues for faculty, staff, and graduate students.
- Wrote and published peer-reviewed articles from campus-wide climate assessments for faculty and graduate students, focused on how climate and social structures (such as race, gender and international status) affect important outcomes, such as professional goals and success.
- Supervised and trained new research assistants.

Research Consultant

University of Michigan, School of Medicine 2008 – 2010

- Provided analysis and research consultation for project examining effects of intervention designed to increase awareness of, and sensitivity towards, medical patients with disabilities among undergraduate and graduate students.

Research Assistant

University of Michigan, Women's Life Paths Study, 2008 – 2009

N. Curtin CV

- Co-project manager for a follow-up study of women graduates of the University of Michigan 1967–1973. Coordinated data collection and entry, supervised undergraduate research assistants.

Founding Planning Committee Member and Institute Organizer

International LGBT Psychology Summer Institute, 2007 – 2010

- Responsibilities included selection of participants and senior tutors, program development, and scheduling/event planning. Both Institutes included over 63 scholars from around the world, invited to the University of Michigan for a week-long series of lectures and workshops about LGBT psychology.

Project Associate and Conference Organizer

University of Michigan, Global Feminisms Archive 2006 –2007

- Responsibilities included development and maintenance of materials for Global Feminisms online archive and website.
- Organized our 2006 conference, inviting scholars from abroad and the U.S. to present their research, based on the archive, as well as to develop research collaborations and pedagogical applications of the project.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

- American Psychological Association (APA), General Member
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (APA Division 9)
 - Early Career Scholars Committee, 2012 – present (Co-chair, 2013 – present)
 - Member, Selection Committee: Louise Kidder Early Career Award, 2011
- Society for the Psychology of Women (APA Division 35)
 - Committee on Academic Feminist Psychology, Co-Chair, 2014 – present
 - Taskforce on Educating through Feminist Research, 2011 – 2014
 - Janet Hyde Graduate Student Research Award Committee, 2011 – present
- Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues (APA Division 44)
- Association for Psychological Science

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2007 – 2011
Ph.D., Psychology and Women's Studies

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2005 – 2007
M.S., Psychology and Women's Studies

Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1997 – 2001
B.A., Psychology, *cum laude*