

MINUTES

NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

September 17, 2019 7:00 p.m. Newton City Hall – B15

B15 is located lower level of City Hall between the Cafeteria and Planning Department

Commissioners Present—Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Jane Brown, Eli Ingraham, David Kuppenheimer, and Brooke Welles

Commissioners Absent – Eric Gurvis, Tamika Olszewski and Bryan Barash

Advisory Council Present—Lt. Bruce Apotheker, Viviane Planine

Student Representatives Present— Imani Fontfield

Guests –Cindy Greene, Dana Hanson, Steven Hassan, and Nathan Persampieri

Staff to the Commission –Linda Walsh

1. Introductions

2. Minutes of July 2017 approved as presented

3. Hate Incidents

- Lt. Apotheker reported that on August 18th there was a traffic incident
- Lt. Apotheker reported that on August 25th there was an incident in Auburndale involving a family. After a thorough investigation the police were not able to find the car involved.

4. Student Reports - related to Human Rights

- Imani was a counselor for the summer with the police department camp Cops & Kids
- Camp for middle school aged kids
- Helps decrease the gap between the community and the police department

5. Know your Rights Training - MCAD October 29, 2019, Druker Auditorium 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- Open to the public
- Help spread the word – ideally attendees would RSVP; however, not required

6. Women's Suffrage Celebration

- Brooke & Cindy attending meetings
- Number of Newton groups involved – currently, the group is looking at their mission and ideas
- HRC will be involved – in October discuss own event , to collaborate with other groups or both

7. Livable Newton

- T. Olszewski will be attending these meetings and report back at HRC meetings

8. Budget

- Tablecloth - \$250; to be used at community events
- Will proceed and bring designs back to the group
- S. Hassan recommended a website – design crowd

9. Update HRC & Book Salon/Collaboration with Newton Public Library

- Newton Inspires - Name presented was accepted
- Discussion regarding co-sponsoring and the ability for HRC to financially sponsor the event

10. December

- Human Rights Award; Druker booked 5:30 – 8:30
- Recommendation of a current commissioner to receive award; think of additional names
- In October discuss process, form and blurbl for the Mayor's newsletter

11. Misc.

Harvest Fair

- Dana to check into if space available for a table
- If attendees could check their calendars to see if available to oversee a table

February Meeting

- February 4th movie screening *Intelligent Life* at the library
- Look at changing the time of the meeting to 6p so that HRC can be present at the meeting
- Information regarding the movie will be sent out

Upcoming Events:

- September 24th @ 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill MS Library**
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- October 29th @ 6:00 p.m. Druker Auditorium**
- November 18th @ 6:30 p.m., Location TBD**
- December 16th @6:30 p.m. Location TBD**

- FORJ Book group – *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- FORJ Book group – *Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey
- Know your Rights Training - MCAD
- FORJ Book group – *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- FORJ Book group - Nonfiction choice:
Between the World and Me Ta-Nehisi Coates or YA choice: *The Hate You Give* Angie Thomas

Next meeting dates:

Meeting Date	Location
October 7, 2019	B15
November 12, 2019	B15
December 3, 2019 – Human Rights Award Night	Druker Auditorium
January 14, 2020	B15
February 4, 2020	B15
March 3, 2020	B15
April 7, 2020	B15
May 5, 2020	B15
June 2, 2020 – Pride	B15
July 7, 2020	B15

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