

MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

February 10, 2016

Health and Human Services Offices

Newton City Hall

7:00 PM

Commissioners Present— Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Sheila Mondshein , Jane Brown and Nicola Curtin

Commissioners Not Present – Bryan Barash, Dianne Chilingerian

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheke, Viviana Planine and Frank Wolpe

Student Representatives Present — None

Guests – None

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh

1. Brazilian Worker Center - Natalicia Tracy
 - Attending March meeting

2. Hate Crimes Report
 - No Hate Crimes
 - Meeting with the clergy in Newton
 - More outreach with Elder Services for Domestic Violence

3. “Having Difficult Conversations with Ourselves and Our Children About Race and Racism”
 - February 11th 6:30 – 8p
 - First Unitarian Society of Newton; 1326 Washington Street, West Newton
 - Refreshments have been taken care of through donations
 - Vote to give Madeline McNeely \$200 Honorarium – unanimously approved

4. Genocide – April
 - Sheila/Dianne to contact Sona to find a time to pick up the materials
 - Discussion regarding various Programming ideas for this year or the future.
 - Viviana will talk to the NSHS to see if the exhibit could be put up there

5. Social Media discussion
 - New City of Newton website being launched soon
 - Subcommittee of Brooke, Bryan and Hattie to discuss the HRC page of the website.

6. Status of Appointments/Reappointments
 - Sheila Mondshein , Jane Brown and Dianne Chilingerian should be receiving documents soon and will need to do the oath
 - Holly will not be continuing with the HRC.

New Business

- MLK Day – Jane Brown let the HRC know that Joan Kunitz is heading MLK day. She should be contacted November 2016 to discuss HRC being involved

Next meeting, **Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00p**

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