

MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

July 12, 2016

Health and Human Services Offices

Newton City Hall

7:00 PM

Commissioners Present— Jane Brown, Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Sheila Mondshein , Jane Brown,

Commissioners Not Present – Dianne Chilingirian

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker

Student Representatives Present — None

Guests – Shira Diner and Carolina Ventura

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh

1. Introductions

2. Hate Crimes Report

- Cops and Kids camp

3. Pride Event – Recap; Feedback

- Cookies, fruit kebabs and lemonade
- Look at a 6p start time
- Have a musical group such as an acapella group

4. Fair Housing Update

- Sheila discussed housing discrimination complaints between 2010-15 there were 47 overall
- There will be an annual report
- Formal power to enforce housing
- There seems to be an interest in Housing Opportunities and a overlap

Transgender Flag Raising

- Incorporate into another event

New Business

- Meeting Schedule September 2016 – July 2017
- December
 - Human Rights award – Honoree
 - Nomination for Holly Gunner
 - Approved to have Holly Gunner
 - Event to be held on December 6, 2016
 - Honoring of Past HRC members
 - Books to be donated in the name of each past member.
 - Discussion of whom to include
- Programming/Events for September 2016 – July 2017
- Update on June Mayor's event
 - Good group discussion, good facilitator which, will be part of a series
- Future programming
 - Bias, Prejudice – this event was done previously with Facing History; possible title "Nature of Prejudice."

Next meeting: **TBD**

