

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE April 8, 2015 MEETING**

Commissioners Present— Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Dianne Chilingirian, Jane Brown and Holly Ryan

Commissioners Not Present - Sheila Mondshein

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker, Frank Wolpe

Student Representatives Present— None

Guests — Nicola Curtin, Brooke Wells

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh

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1. Student Reports

No was not any report as students weren't present.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 2015 and March 2015 meeting

Unanimously approved as presented

3. Hate Crimes Report

There were not any hate crimes to report. However, a discussion about the increased use of drug opiates was discussed both in Newton as well as the state and country.

4. ISIS/Crime Prevention Task Force— Frank Wolpe

Discussion ensued regarding Steven Hassan attending the May meeting to discuss/present on ISIS, human trafficking and religious mind control. Based upon the discussion/presentation in may perhaps look at doing a joint Workshop in the Fall.

There were many questions regarding what information is presented. In May the group should feel comfortable in asking Steven questions.

5. Future Events

- Asian Festival event on May 16<sup>th</sup> – Dianne will be sending out the flyer. If people could post and get it out in the community. They could use some assistance on the evening of the event. If anyone is interested please let either Betty Chan or Diane Chilingirian know.
- Discussion of looking at what has been done in the past as well as a calendar of events. Go back to past meeting minutes and see what we had agreed to do as well as to ensure we are following up and what we had recommended doing.
- Pride event in June working on a date with the Mayor's scheduler. Recommendation to make sure there are activities for children and their families. Making a family friendly event will get a diverse group of people there. In addition, work with the Senior Center to make it a combined event.

New Business

- Diane read a statement from Sona Petrossian regarding the Armenian Genocide and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding genocide and the display done at Newton South High School in the past. Dianne is going to write an article for the Tab.
- Linda gave an update on new Commissioners and Advisory members.

Next meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 7:30 PM Room 211

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