

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 MEETING**

Commissioners Present— Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Dianne Chilingerian, Sheila Mondschein, Jane Brown

Commissioners Not Present – Holly Ryan

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker, Viviana Planine

Student Representatives Present— Lauren Miller and Rebecca Reinstein

Guests – Nicola Curtin, Kim Coney

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh (not present)

1. Student Reports

- One Book/One Community – Discussion Group
- Anti-Bullying

2. Hate Crimes Report

- Newton Center Playground – swastika which, looked old
- Superior Officers – implicit bias training – 2 day course
- Clinician under the 14 mo. grant started – working with the police on mental health and suicide calls

3. Minutes were approved by “members” with edits

4. Programming

- December - HRC Award
 - Tyrone said “yes” – follow the same plan as last year which, worked well
 - Question regarding whether or not past recipients were invited. If not, perhaps they should.
- April – Genocide – Diane Viviana and Sheila
 - Discussion regarding where to hold – 1 high school and City
 - Are there enough HRC members to help pull off the event
 - Dianne connected with Sona who is anxious to get the display out of her basement
- February – Social - Nicola Curtin and Brooke Wells
 - Meeting in the next week to discuss
 - Plenty of time to get an event together and makes sense to do so in February

New Business:

None

Next meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM Health and Human Services offices

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