

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2015 MEETING

Commissioners Present— Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Dianne Chilingerian, Sheila Mondshein , Jane Brown and Holly Ryan

Commissioners Not Present – NA

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker and Frank Wolpe

Student Representatives Present — None

Guests – Nicola Curtin and Bryan Barash

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh

1. Hate Crimes Report
 - Civil Rights violation
 - New chief begins December 1st
 - Training – Implicit bias

2. Minutes were approved

3. Appointments
 - Nicola and Bryan going before the Program & Services Commission December 9th
 - Reappointments for Sheila Mondshein, Dianne Chilingerian and Jane Brown will be done in January 2016
 - Discussion regarding getting word out about the HRC – Newton TAB ad, article in the tab regarding the commission

4. Programming
 - December - HRC Award
 - Reviewed brochure for the event
 - Dianne will reach out to Michelle Leung regarding the event
 - Plaque – will be taken care of HHS staff member
 - The event will be held at the Senior Center
 - Linda will take care of the refreshments

 - February – Racial/Social Justice- Nicola Curtin and Brooke Wells
 - Madeline McNeely
 - Plenty of time to get an event together and makes sense to do so in February
 - Give handouts after the event
 - Discussion regarding a week night vs. a weekend evening
 - Discussion regarding venues to include babysitting

 - April – Genocide – Diane Viviana and Sheila
 - Displays - City Hall and at the Library? Is there enough material for both sites? City Hall could accommodate glass case in the front entry.
 - Members offered to assist in helping to set up the displays

 - Facing History Ourselves
 - Linda Walsh recommended Sheila reach out to Vivianna
 - Steve is up to making appearances

 - June - Pride
 - June 8th
 - Real Food – picnic environment
 - Family friendly

New Business:

- Death of Sam Turner
 - Discussion regarding contributions from HRC
 - Any monetary contributions have to be made by individuals
 - If individuals want to contribute they can do so on their own on behalf of the Human Rights Commission
 - Sam A. Turner c/o Village Bank
1639 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02465

- Syrian Refugees
 - A resolution was made by the HRC

Be it resolved that the Newton Human Rights Commission recognizes the current plight of Syrian, Iraqi and all refugees and believes that, consistent with fundamental American values and principles, they should not be denied entry to the United States of America on the basis of their religion, race or country of origin.

Next meeting, **Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 7:30 PM @ the Senior Center**