

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2014 MEETING**

Commissioners Present – Peter Brown, Nazik Kazimi, Sheila Mondshein, Dianne Chillingierian, Holly Ryan, Hattie Kerwin Derrick and Brenda Krasnow

Commissioners Not Present – Jane Brown and Sona Petrossian.

Advisory Council Present – Lt. Bruce Apotheker and Frank Wolpe.

The meeting called the meeting to order by Peter Brown, Chair, at 7:35 PM in the Health and Human Services office in City Hall.

Introductions were made.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

There were no school updates because there was a meeting of the Youth Commission and the high school representatives were attending that meeting.

Lt. Apotheker reported there were no hate crimes.

Sarah Perry, the Executive Director of The Second Step, a Newton based domestic violence program, discussed what Second Step did and the programs it sponsors.

Peter reviewed various programs that were under way in which the Commission was involved.

There followed a discussion of the future direction of the Commission in light of Linda Walsh's leave of absence. The discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

The group was reminded of the program the HRC is co-sponsoring at the Library titled "Civil Rights, How Far We Have Come," at 7:00 PM on February 18, 2014.

Future meetings will be in room 222 of City Hall. The April meeting will be on April 16th because no room was available on the second Wednesday night.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brown