

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2014 MEETING**

Commissioners Present – Peter Brown, Dianne Chilingerian, Holly Ryan and Brenda Krasnow

Commissioners Not Present – Jane Brown, Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Sona Petrossian, Nazik Kazimi, and Sheila Mondshein,.

Advisory Council Present –Sgt. Eric Rosenbaum for Lt. Bruce Apotheker.

Student Representatives – Eliza Beth and Mia Coleman

Peter Brown, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM in Room 222 in Newton City Hall. He announced there was no quorum.

There were no public comments.

School updates were presented by Mia Coleman and Eliza Beth from South High School. There was a general discussion of the recent suicides in both high schools and what might be done to help the students cope with the pressures and stresses they are facing.

Sgt. Rosenbaum reported there were no hate crimes.

Holly updated the group about the gay pride program in June and the HRC's participation. Arrangements are proceeding and it looks like it will be a larger program than originally anticipated.

There was a brief discussion about the stereotypes presented in the “Thoroughly Modern Millie” play and what the HRC might do to follow-up on the issues the show raised.

The group was reminded of the program Created Equal that the HRC is co-sponsoring with Historic Newton on April 17th and 28th at the Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brown