

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2014 MEETING

Commissioners Present— Jane Brown, Nazik Kazimi, Sheila Mondshein, Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Holly Ryan, Peter Brown, Sona Petrossian.

Commissioners Not Present— Dianne Chilingerian, Brenda Krasnow.

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker and Frank Wolpe.

Student Representatives Present—Mia Coleman, Eliza Beth, Anton Malia.

Others – Kimberly Gillies - Guest, Linda Walsh - Staff Liason.

Peter Brown, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM in Room 222 in Newton City Hall.

There were no public comments.

With finals next week, there were no upcoming planned school activities. Mention was made of preparations for Gay Pride activities

Linda reviewed a Newton program called QPR – Questioning, Preventing, and Referring. The program seeks to train people to be gatekeepers to identify potential suicide threats and to refer people to appropriate programs. The training takes approximately an hour and one-quarter. The Commission will have training at its October 2014 meeting.

Sona and Peter reported on a meeting they had with Alderman Amy Sangiolo and Andrew Leong about Newton North’s lack of response to the Asian community’s concerns about the “Thoroughly Modern Millie” spring play. Linda asked that report be prepared summarizing the meeting to be sent to Dori.

Holly updated the group on the Gay Pride Program on Wednesday, June 25 at City Hall and a BBQ to be held at the Senior Center on June 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brown