

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
June 12, 2013**

Commissioners Present – Jane Brown, Peter Brown, Sona Petrossian, Nazik Kazimi, Sheila Mondshein, Dianne Chillingierian and Brenda Krasnow

Commissioners Not Present – Holly Ryan and Carol Kelley.

Advisory Council Present – Lt. Bruce Apotheker

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

Introductions were made.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

Since the high schools already had graduation ceremonies, there were no students at the meeting and hence, there were no school updates.

Lt. Apotheker reported there were no hate crimes.

Remarks were made remembering the late Armando Rossi, a long-time member of the Advisory Council, who passed away several weeks ago.

Ana Gonzalez, the city's community engagement director, will be at our September 2013 meeting to discuss the various ethnic/religious groups in the city and how we might be in contact with them.

Peter reported that Rev. Swain, the head of the Newton Clergy Association, was very receptive to the HRC rejoining that group. He will be in contact with her in September and most likely will attend their October meeting.

Peter reported that the Mayor's office expects an end of the year report. He will prepare a draft for circulation to Commissioners.

There followed a discussion of the future direction of the Commission. Everyone agreed that looking at various groups within the Newton community and trying to identify problems is the direction we should take. However, we should still try to have programs that might attract the wider community.

Under new business there was brief discussion of suggestions for new Commissioners should there be any vacancies on the Commission.

The group was reminded of the program the HRC is co-sponsoring with the Senior Center and Council on Aging about LGBT Aging, on June 19, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brown