

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes of January 5, 2021

Commissioners Present – Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Bryan Barash Jane Brown, Eli Ingraham, David Kuppenheimer, Sue Lowcock, Tamika Olszewski, Rabbi Keith Stern, Brooke Foucault Welles

Commissioners Absent – none

Advisory Council Present - Viviana Planine

Student Representatives Present – Imani Fonfield

Guests –Cindy Greene, Katani Sumner, Jini Fairley, Philip Vergragt

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh, Shin-Yi Lao

The meeting was called to order by Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Chair at 7:04pm on Zoom

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of November 3, 2020 approved
3. Bias-related incidents – Officer Eric Rosenbaum
 - 11/5/20: Vandalism to a grave at East Parish Cemetery – “Heil Hitler” carved into a tombstone. Working on getting tombstone fixed.
 - 12/28/20: Race related words exchanged between residents of the same building. Under investigation.
4. Complaints received – Linda Walsh
 - None received
5. Student reports – Imani Fonfield
 - 28th annual To be GLAAD event at NSHS went well
6. Debrief Human Rights Awards
 - Event went well
 - Start thinking about 2021 honorees
7. MLK Day
 - 1/18, online format
 - Register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kZ_O4zJ6RnyKNdbRW9pKSA
 - Highlights will include musical selections, social justice roundtable, reflection and sermon, and student performances
8. Genocide Awareness Month
 - Will likely be virtual this year.
 - Brooke suggested a public art installation
9. Annual Report

- Goal: after this month add time to meetings to collectively gather information to be included and posted online

10. HRC Transition

- Hattie Kerwin Derrick transitioning to new role in City Hall: Director of Community Engagement and Inclusion. She will still attend HRC meetings, but in a new role.
- Election of new chair:
 - i. Jane Brown nominated Brooke Foucault Welles
 - ii. No additional nominations
 - iii. Brooke Foucault Welles elected as new chair

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Next meeting February 2, 2021 on Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Hattie N. Kerwin Derrick