



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

7:00 PM

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86769616874> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID 867 6961 6874.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #312-21** **Appointment of Rakashi Chand to the Human Rights Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing RAKASHI CHAND, 80 Wade Street, Newton, as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire on September 30, 2024 (60 Days: 10/08/21).
- #137-21** **Public Meeting with City Clerk/Clerk for the Council candidates**
CITY CLERK PRELIMINARY SCREENING COMMITTEE submitting recommended candidates for the City Clerk/Clerk of the Council position for review by the Programs & Services Committee and recommendation to the City Council.
Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 08/17/2021

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#313-21 Reappointment of Barbara Lischinsky to the Commission on Disability
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing BARBARA LISCHINSKY, 1942 Washington Street, #424, Newton, as a member of the COMMISSION ON DISABILTY for a term to expire on July 31, 2024 (60 Days: 10/08/21).

#314-21 Reappointment of Lakshmi Kadambi to the Commission on Disability
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing LAKSHMI KADAMBI, 55 Staniford Street, Newton, as a member of the COMMISSION ON DISABILTY for a term to expire on September 30, 2024 (60 Days: 10/08/21).

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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July 30, 2021

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Rakashi Chand of 80 Wade Street, Newton as a member of the Human Rights Commission. Her term of office shall expire on September 30, 2024 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Rakashi Chand

80 Wade Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461



EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston MA — Senior Library Assistant

July 2016 - PRESENT

Library Management, Reference Triage, Public Programs, Social Media Outreach, Diversity and Inclusion, Library Statistics, Onboarding

Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston MA — Library Assistant

May 2007 - June 2016

Reading Room Supervision, Circulation, Database Management, Visitor Services

Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston MA — Assistant Reference Librarian

September 2003 - May 2007

Library Management, Hiring and Onboarding, Supervision of Library Staff and Visitor Services, Scheduling, Class Visits and Library Tours, Manage Rights and Reproductions, Oversee Reference Services and Researcher Services

EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston MA — Bachelor of Science in History 2002

Magna Cum Laude

Phi Alpha Theta and Alpha Sigma Lamda Honor Societies

Attorney General Maura Healey Advisory Board on New Americans 2017-present

President, United India Association of New England, 2018 and 2019

SKILLS

Reference Services.

Project Management.

Archival Research.

Public Outreach.

Public Programs.

Event Management.

Diversity and Inclusion.

Cultural Advocacy and Promotion.

AWARDS and APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Jackson Homestead, Joint Board of Historic Newton, appointed by Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

Newton Cultural Council, appointed by Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

India New England Woman of the Year Nominee, 2016

Walk Ambassador, Multiple Sclerosis Walk Providence, RI 2016



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July 26, 2021

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Barbara Lischinsky of 1942 Washington Street, #424, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability. Her term of office shall expire on July 31, 2024 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Application Form

Profile

Barbara _____ Lischinsky _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

1942 Washington St., #424 _____
 Home Address Suite or Apt

Newton _____ MA _____ 02466 _____
 City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 4

 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

n/a _____ n/a _____
 Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Appointed

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I would like to continue my work on the COD as I have for many, many years. I hope this will serve as my statement of interest in continuing as a member of the COD. I have found my years as a member rewarding on many levels. I enjoy learning and I also enjoy helping others navigate their way through their personal journey with a disability. Whether it is helping them get a curb cut installed near their home or an HP space near their residence to helping to educate them about their rights under the ADA and Fair Housing. I have personally benefitted from my knowledge of Fair Housing Laws with my Landlord to successfully achieve a reasonable accommodation in my apartment. I look forward to continuing as a member of the Commission On Disability here in Newton. If there is any additional information you need from me please let me know. Sincerely, Barbara Lischinsky

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Profile

Lakshmi
First Name

N
Middle Initial

Kadambi
Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

55
Home Address

55 Staniford Street
Suite or Apt

Newton
City

MA
State

02466
Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 4

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Self Employed
Employer

Artist
Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have been part of Newton's COD now for three years and have been honored and proud to serve as the Co- Chair of this Commission On Disability since January, 2020. I would like to continue to serve and contribute to the Commission On Disability to carry forward the mission of the COD and work together to break barriers and strive for greater accessibility, equity, integration and inclusion for people with disabilities in all aspects of daily life in all our neighborhoods of our beloved city.

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LAKSHMI NARAYAN KADAMBI

Summary of Qualifications

Creative problem-solver with independent initiative; strong interpersonal skills, including ability to identify and develop others' untapped skills and strengths; collaborative style. Extensive experience in research, documentation, design development, project and delivery management, cultural entrepreneurship specializing in textiles and folk arts of India. Strong team manager with demonstrated ability to build effective teams and manage projects across cross-functional areas in arts and culture.

Professional Experience**Community building through the Arts and Advocacy & Alternative marketing : Thinkfolk, 2016-present, Founder**

- Conceptualized unique community arts collaboratives and interactive activities.
- Design and develop unique products in collaboration with Indian craft people for the global market
- Coach and mentor folk artists and indigenous crafts persons
- Work on alternative marketing strategies and test market products for artisan and craft groups

Artist, West Newton Fabrication Piano, Festival of the Arts, Newton, MA, 2017.

Worked with Lambani women embroiderers to design wall panel for display at "Color and Light" exhibition in Textile Museum of Canada, Toronto (2007)

Festival of Indian Arts and Culture, Newton, MA, Chair, 2012, 2013, 2014 (*all voluntary*)

Academic Presentations:**Artist Talk and demonstration, Art Institute, UW Madison, October, 2016**

- Story of the Sari, history and draping styles and a interactive demonstration of draping styles.
- Three Classroom sessions on Indian textiles in the course on "Tactile Textiles – From 2D to 3D"
- Decay and Resilience in the Indian Arts and Crafts sector, Panel session in South Asia Conference. 2016

Weaving the colors of her dreams, Wellesley College, South Asia Studies Program, presentation on Indian textiles.

Field visit to Peabody Essex Museum and classroom presentations on Kalamkari textiles. Lasell College, Fashion and Art history program.

Stories of tribal women in India: Micro-Economic Empowerment as a Solution for VAW, Study Group on The Global Movement to end violence against women, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April 23rd, 2014.

Retention, Invention, and Transformations as seen in the works of Matra Bai and Shanthi Bai, 2014 Ray Smith Symposium, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, March, 1st 2014].

The Lambani Experience, 1999, Seminar Maker and Meaning, Madras Craft Foundation, Dakshin Chitra, Chennai, India, proceedings published, pages 127-138.

Social Entrepreneurship**Village India Arts, Boston, MA, Co-founder and Director, 2004-2007**

Created socially conscious fair-trade venture to build global marketplace for embroidered textiles of "Lambani" women, nomadic artisans from southern India.

Design and Project consultancy**Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra and Dastkar, India, 1989-2001,****Project and Design Consultant**

Created distinctive "SANDUR" brand image for variety of embroidered products based on traditions of "Lambani" embroiderers.

Publications

Research and documentation Co- author, Chapter: *Tamilnadu, Saris: Tradition and Beyond*, pages 243-267, ed. Marthand Singh and Rta Kapoor Chisti,. New Delhi, Rolli Books, 2010

Co- Author, *Life Passages in Embroidery: The Lambani women artisans, in Threads and Voices*, pages 88-95, ed. Laila Tyabji. New Delhi, a "Marg Publication", 2007.

Fellowships and Grants

Travel Grant, *Aid to Artisans*, 2003., Small Study and Research Grant, **Nehru Trust (India)**, 1997. Research grant to study Illikal Saris of Karnataka. Travel Grant, Nehru Trust for the Indian Collections at the **Victoria and Albert Museum**, 1996. Grant awarded to study the Forbes Watson Volumes. Grant to study and document the block makers and the prints of Farrukhabad, UP, India, **National handicraft and Handloom Museum**, New Delhi, India, 1986

Exhibition Team: Vishwakarma 2, Festival of India in USSR and Saris of India, Demark and France

Board member: Committee member Festival of the arts, Newton, MA. Newton Community Pride (Board of Advisors), a non-profit volunteer organization, has been enriching the cultural life and community in Newton, Massachusetts.

Kadambari, India, A society for promotion of Indian art and crafts, Bangalore, India.