

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Joe Borsellino, Officer Michael Buckley, Chris Kelly, Amy Lafont , Diane Loud, Robert Delaney, Lianna Manos

The meeting was convened at 7:10 PM.

A motion was made to accept minutes with requested amendments.

The HRC discussed the creation of a resource list for community member. Help Steps is an App from Children's Hospital that outlines resources available in the community. Using social media, HRC will promote the Help Steps app. After the MLK event, the HRC will revisit the creation of the resource guide.

The following businesses have food and materials contributed to the Martin Luther King event:

- Ocean State Job Lot
- Stop & Shop Dedham
- Star Market Dedham
- Halfway Café
- Cafe Fresh Bagel
- Salem Market
- MIT Endicott House
- TGI Fridays
- Starbucks
- Ripples of Hopes
- Kings Legacy Place
- Dailey & Borsellino, P.C.
- Dedham Youth Commission
- Wegmans Westwood
- Midway Cafe

Additional logistics were discussed for the MLK event. Chris Kelly would support the management of the entrance and DHS volunteers. Amy Lafont and Diane Laude will help support the serving of food. Lianna Moore will support communication with van drivers from various parking lots. HRC members should plan to arrive at 4:15 PM. Chris Kelly will create a one page handout to give out MLK event to promote the HRC which will include the Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, logo, and mission statement. Chris Kelly will also plan to create a sign-up sheet for individuals to identify their names and emails.

Margaret Adams will check with Nancy Baker to see if the HRC can acquire an email. Amy Lafont and Joe Borsellino will work on an automatic reply statement that outlines the role of the HRC clearly for emails.

THE HRC unanimously voted to approve the film series beginning in February in coordination with First Church in Dedham. The HRC will post the event on social media pages and work to support the distribution of the information in the community.



Justice Matinee Film Series 2019

Sundays in February at 2:30pm

FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC

First Church and Parish in Dedham, in the Parish Hall : 670 High St.



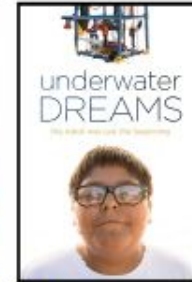
February 3



February 10 - Double Feature



February 17



February 24

Feb 3: **Swim Team**

Swim Team chronicles the overwhelming struggles and extraordinary triumphs of 3 young athletes with autism and shows how a swim team can bring hope to a community. (2016, 90 minutes, followed by discussion)

Feb 10: **DOUBLE FEATURE** **Raising Zoe**

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13 year-old Zoe wants nothing more than to simply go to school, learn, have fun with friends and be a kid. Unfortunately, ignorance and intolerance have not always made this easy. Zoe, with the help of her mother and the ACLU, fought school officials for her right to self-identify in school. Even in the face of bullying and endless teasing from both school officials and students, Zoe determinedly continues to live her life and tells her story in the hopes of helping others persevere in living their authentic lives. (2016, 54 minutes, followed by discussion)

Transgender Kids: Who Knows Best?

Around the world there has been a huge increase in the number of children being referred to gender clinics. Increasingly, parents are encouraged to adopt a 'gender affirmative' approach - fully supporting their children's change of identity. But is this the right approach? (2017, 59 minutes, followed by discussion)

Feb 17: **Miss Representation**

Miss Representation explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, and challenges the media's limited portrayal of what it means to be a powerful woman. (2011, 80 minutes, followed by discussion)

Feb 24: **Underwater Dreams**

Underwater Dreams, narrated by Michael Peña, chronicles the story of how the sons of undocumented Mexican immigrants learned how to build underwater robots. And go up against MIT in the process. (2014, 86 minutes, followed by discussion)

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The HRC voted to adopt a logo that will include four human silhouettes and the town seal in the middle. The logo will be part of a document that the HRC will give out at MLK event on January 21st.

Additional possible events for the HRC were discussed as possibilities for additional opportunities in the spring. The HRC will continue discussions about a possible event at the February meeting.

Additional meetings of the HRC is planned for February 27th, March 27th, April 24th, May 29th, and June 26th.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission