

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes March 27, 2019

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Steve Heaslip, Officer Michael Buckley, Chris Kelly, Diane Loud, Robert Delaney, Mayanne Briggs

The meeting was convened at 7:10 PM.

A motion was made to accept February minutes.

The HRC Committee continued discussion of possible art contest for logo. The art logo contest could be shared with the schools via email, Dedham Transcript, Dedham Times, Facebook, Council of Aging and Motherbrook. The commission reviewed some potential guidelines. Diane Loud will create some sample guidelines, distribute them to commissioners via email, and also send to Nancy Baker for review. Dependent upon review approval from town we can adjust the timeline for submissions appropriately. A gmail account could be used to collect submissions.

The HRC debriefed the Dr. King event from February. The number of attendees was manageable. The dance performances were great. The cafeteria workers were essential in managing the food. The volunteers also to distribute the food well supported the event. The use of the Dedham Middle School library for the service fair from Livable Dedham allowed for more attendees. Perhaps, consider next year a snow date. Rob Blaney will contact Ripples of Hope to see if there is interest in supporting some sort of day of service. Food was plentiful. The staffing support from Dedham Public Schools was perfect and would be needed again for a larger crowd. Transcription service was a new addition. Commission of Disability was pleased to be able to use the service for the first time for the event. Margaret Adams will send out sample thank you letter template for the vendors for the commissioners to share with their respective vendors.

Possible rescheduling of the African Dancers for the citywide art show. The date is Thursday, May 30th after 5:30 PM. Time to be determined based on the availability of the performers. Please wait till event is confirmed.

The HRC could look towards grants including Dedham Cultural Arts Council and other grants including Dedham Institution.

The group discussed addition to the resource guide. Office Buckley will share to the document resources from the Dedham Police Department. HRC Commissioners are asked to contribute to the Google Doc to add additional resources.

The HRC discussed possible other events that the commissioners could have a presence. Dedham Day which will likely be held on September 22nd or 29th. Perhaps, the dance performers could be included as part of the day.

Margaret Adams outreached to the Dedham Public Library Trustees. They are interested in collaborating with HRC. Margaret Adams will attend one of their meetings to seek ways to collaborate.

Additional meetings of the HRC are planned for April 24th, May 29th, and June 26th at 7 PM in the Select Board meeting room.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission