

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes August 28, 2019

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Diane Loud, Joe Borsellino, Margaret Matthews, Officer Michael Buckley, Steve Heaslep, Chris Kelly

The meeting was convened at 7:08 PM.

The HRC approved meeting minutes from May, June, and July 2019 meetings.

The HRC discussed “I Am Dedham” campaign for Dedham Day as a way to showcase the diversity of the town. Chris Kelly will reach out to Dedham TV and the video production teacher at Dedham High School to see if we can have equipment to showcase stories of community members. Joe Borsellino will bring tent, cooler, and three large tables. Margaret Adams will bring candy to distribute. We will also create a one question survey to seek out feedback from the community.

Margaret Matthews presented an update on the resource guide. She indicated that all of the data entry has been completed. The HRC discussed printing of the resource guide for the HRC. The HRC decided to produce a card with information on the HRC and the link to the resource guide to give out at Dedham Day. Margaret Matthews will finish the updating of the resource guide. Margaret Adams will post forward the finished document to get posted on the website. Chris Kelly will produce a flyer/postcard size to distribute with town seal, mission of the HRC, and a tinyurl to the document.

Diane Loud will send out final flyer and contest guidelines to advertise the HRC logo contest. Diane Loud will send it to Dedham Times. Chris Kelly will publicize via social media. Submissions will be submitted to the HRC gmail account.

Dedham Census 2020 promotion has not made it to the Select Board agenda. Diane Loud and Joe Brosellino will review options for sharing information on 2020 Census. In the future months, HRC will continue to seek out ways to share information on 2020 Census via its own social media and local contacts including the schools.

Joe Borsellino has arranged the purchase of window posters and some buttons for “Hate Has No Home Here.” Joe Borsellino will continue to pursue if Allin Congregational will support the purchase.

Lianna Manos and Margaret Adams will work an article for the Dedham Times with a focus on Latinos for September. Joe Borsellino will work on the article for Human Rights via the Supreme Court Justice. Chris Kelly will post these letters

on social media. Margaret Adams will collect past articles and then post on the HRC town website.

Margaret Adams and Chris Kelly have been in contact with Dedham Public Library trustee, Monika Wilkinson. A staff member has been assigned to support the collaboration who preferred to meet in the fall.

Joe Borsellino continues to try to outreach to the Needham Human Rights Commission to see if we can make a connection.

Margaret Adams will request to Nancy Baker to see if a widget can be added to the town website that allows for it to be translated.

Steve Heaslep gave his thanks to the HRC for his past term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission