

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020

Attendance: Chris Kelly, Margaret Adams, Officer Mike Buckley, Joe Borsellino, Margaret Matthews, Philjay Somera Solar, Amy Waxon, Robert Blaney, Dr. Oneida Fox Roye, Lianna Manos

The meeting was convened at 6:07 PM.

Planning for Dr. King Day

The HRC discussed a proposed outline for the event to air on Dedham TV.

- These are the events as currently constructed for the day:
- Tanya Dance Studio
- Multi-lingual Presentation of "I Have A Dream"
- Jazz Presentation
- Student Essays
- Student Art Presentations
- Keynote Speaker
- Hamilton Music Piece
William Gould

Convergence Arts will be used in between each of the sections. Members of the HRC will be needed to introduce each of the segments. Each member of the HRC will introduce each section.

Here is a proposed outline of the order:

- Joe Borsellino will do the welcome.
- Land Acknowledgement-Margaret Adams
- Keynote-Chris Kelly will introduce the speaker.
- Jazz-Philjay will introduce the Jazz band.
- William Gould-Margaret Matthew will introduce the speaker.
- Dance-Amy will introduce the dancers.
- Multilingual Presentation of "I Have A Dream"-Liana will introduce the presentation.
- Hamilton Music Piece-Student from Dedham High School.
- Student Essays-Dr. Fox Roye will introduce the student portion.
- Student Art Presentations
- Gratitude to Business-Michael Bickley

Officer Buckley created a slideshow of the businesses who have supported the event when it was in person. Chris Kelly will check with Dedham TV to see what might be the particulars and logistics.

Dr. Oneida will seek out a student to see if they can also participate in introducing a component of the event.

Joe Borsellino will contact Dedham TV to see if there's a way to make it interactive via a Zoom, live streaming on Facebook, etc.

December 17th is the day dedicated at Dedham TV for the taping. Donna at Dedham TV indicated any content can be emailed to dedhamTV@gmail.com and brian@DedhamTV.com via Google Drive or DropBox. The preferred format is MP4.

Philjay will draft a visual for the committee and share it out.

Chris Kelly will reach out to Dedham Times to see if they will do an article about the virtual Dr. King event.

Terms of Member of Human Rights Commission

Some of the members who were appointed for two years are coming to the end of their term. The student representative will also be coming to the end of their term. Chair Joe Borsellino will reach out to the Select Board.

Goals for Next Year

Lianna shared the need for a one-stop place for those in need to be able to get access to resources. Lianna will outreach to Kristina King of the Dedham Substance Abuse Council to see if their idea of a drop-in center focuses on specific issues of residents in need. The new public safety building will have access to new meeting spaces. There is an increased need around the town for needs.

Dedham Times Articles

We decided to perhaps write articles on a needed basis as topics come up. Perhaps, we can also send occasional updates on the planning and focus of the Dedham HRC.

Townwide Race Forum

Townwide race forum is planned. The plan would possibly host this in February. The HRC discussed two options as a format. The sentiment was that it should be a dialogue between town officials and citizens. Joe Borsellino will continue to have dialogue with the organizer. It will be important to have diverse voices represented in the panel.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Future meeting dates on December 2nd, 2020 at 6 PM.

Next meeting on December 30th at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission