

## **Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021**

**Attendance:** Chris Kelly, Dr. Margaret Adams, Officer Mike Buckley, Joe Borsellino, Diane Loud, Lianna Manos, Margaret Matthews, Dr. Oneida Fox Roye, Amy Wax, Philjay Solar

The meeting was convened at 6:08 PM.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Celebration**

There have been many positive comments from the virtual celebration. We got feedback that it was being used in Hamilton to help support the establishment of an HRC there. Officer Buckley will follow up with a letter with a link to the program to vendors and thank you.

### **Dedham Organization for Substance Awareness**

Kristina King from DOSA (Dedham Organization for Substance Awareness), attended the meeting to get feedback on a virtual event for youth focused on traditions. The event is meant to help youth appreciate their cultures. The goals are to acknowledge their own cultures and those of others in the community. Ms. King asked the following questions:

- Any recommendations for the structure of the event?
- How could the event be publicized?
- How could we recruit high school students?

The HRC also discussed how to deal with push back from the community for events focused on supporting BIPOC.

### **I Am Dedham**

The COVID-19 Relief effort was the last show that was shared. The following ideas were discussed

- Celebrate Edi New Year.
- Amplify stories to support Black History Month
- Use students and have them share their stories
- Perhaps, have students along with their parents to share their stories.

Dr. Oneida will try to identify some parents and student combinations.

### **Meeting Dates**

Meetings going forward will be held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Meeting minutes for December 30th, 2020 were approved.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Future meeting dates on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission