

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes July 21, 2021

Attendance: James Kauffman, Victor Hebert, Joe Borsellino, Chris Kelly, Diane Preston Barry, Margaret Adams

There was no quorum for this meeting so no votes were taken.

The meeting was convened at 6:05 PM.

New and current members were introduced to the Human Rights Commission.

- Jim Kaufman is a long-time member of the community and serves on various local and state boards.
- Victor Hebert is a member of the school committee and serves on several different town committees.
- Diane Preston Barry is the representative of the Council of Aging and also serves as a Livable Dedham.
- Margaret Adams serves as the clerk for the commission and also serves as a member of town meeting and the Master Plan Committee.
- Chris Kelly is serving in her second term on the commission and helped support the first celebration of Dedham Pride Day.
- Joe Borsellino currently serves as the chair of the commission and works as a local lawyer, civil rights lawyer in Boston area.

Election of Officers

The election of officers for the HRC will occur in September.

Regional Meeting of HRC

The regional meeting of the Human Rights Commission and those interested in forming HRC on the South Shore, Cape, and Islands will occur on August 22nd at 11 AM at Buzzards Bay Park in Bourne.

Support for School Diversity Efforts

At an upcoming meeting, we will continue discussions on how the Human Rights Commission can support efforts of the school to support diversity and equity.

National Night Out

Please respond to Tracey Franklin will be held on August 3rd at Endicott Estate from 6-8. They are in need of volunteers.

Dedication of William Gould Memorial Park

Thursday, September 23rd at 4 PM is proposed for the dedication of the William Gould Memorial Park.

I Am Dedham

National Night Out

Dedham Human Rights Commission will collaborate with other organizations to support an event during the National Night Out week.

I Am Dedham

We brainstormed some ideas for the upcoming August show. Diane Preston Barry will outreach to someone. Margaret Adams will reach out to the Girl Scouts to see if they are interested in being a guest.

Hate Has No Home Here

The HRC will begin to plan an event for the unveiling. Diane Barry Preston will contact JP Licks. Chris Kelly will contact Star, and Stop and Shop. Jim Kauffman will contact Ron's Ice Cream. Joe Borsellino will contact the Dedham School of Music. Possible dates for the event are Thursday, August 26th at 6:30 PM or Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 PM.

Other Topics

Discussion on the Master Plan Committee and Courageous Conversations will be moved to the August meeting. Joe Borsellino informed the committee that they are working on a summary of the Courageous Conversations.

On the next agenda, we should begin to plan the MLK event and also Dedham Day.

Meeting Dates

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

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Future meeting dates are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

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