

## **Dedham Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022**

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**Attendance:** Sean Malloy, Joseph Borsellino, Victor Hebert, Chris Kelly, Margaret Adams, Diane Barry Preston

**Others in Attendance:** Dimitria Sullivan, Select Board Member

The Dedham HRC convened at 7:06 PM.

### **Cultural Event**

The Dedham HRC discussed the creation of a day-long cultural event to be hosted here in town that would include musical performances. Dimitria Sullivan shared that she would support the event and believes the event would bring people together.

HRC discussed possible locations in the town for such an event. HRC might collaborate with other organizations in town. Dimitria Sullivan will investigate if Endicott Estate might be available and available dates. Dimitria Sullivan will also get information on how we might provide licenses for food trucks.

Joe Borsellino discussed with Folk Center of New England and indicated they might do a performance. Dedham HRC has received a Cultural Arts Grant to support Veronica Roble's performance.

The HRC discussed perhaps partnering with Dedham Junior Women's Club.

The following steps were discussed:

- Diane Barry Preston will contact the Dedham Junior Women's Club. A vision might be to have a community picnic with cultural performance.
- Margaret Adams will contact the Dedham Coalition for Equity and Inclusion.
- Diane Barry Preston will target the senior community.
- Joe Borsellino will also contact the Dedham Public Library.
- Sean Malloy will contact the head of the art department at DPS to see if they might support the creation of a flyer.
- Diane Barry Preston will send Dimitria Sullivan a follow-up summary email. Chris Kelly will contact Dedham School of Music as a possible partner.
- Joe Borsellino has a call to Dedham Savings Bank.

### **Student Representative**

Sean Malloy was introduced as our student representative. Sean is excited is to bring more students to the group's events.

### **Attendance at HRC Meetings**

Joe Borsellino will follow up with members not in attendance to help support an increase in attendance at HRC meetings.

**I Am Dedham Shows**

Joe will interview the Police Chief on an upcoming show. Margaret Matthews will interview a female officer to share her journey as a law enforcement officer. Diane Loud has scheduled interviews with members of the Dedham Public Library. Chris Kelly was reaching out to a variety of town groups to highlight upcoming events. Diane Barry Preston will do a show featuring older adults in May. Sean Malloy will see if they plan a panel of students.

**Dedham Critical Conversations**

The Dedham HRC discussed strategies to continue the previous event. Equity Audit was discussed. Margaret Adams and Joe Borsellino will follow up with the town manager.

**Pride Celebration**

Chris Kelly and Diane Loud are leading a small committee group to support the implementation of the Pride Celebration in June.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 8:32 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission