

Dedham Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes March 28, 2022

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Attendance: Sean Malloy, Diane Loud, Joseph Borsellino, Victor Hebert, Chris Kelly, Margaret Adams, Diane Barry Preston, Philjay Solar, Leslie Sattler, James Kaufman, Margaret Matthews

The Dedham HRC convened at 7:00 PM.

Welcome New Member

The Dedham HRC welcomed Leslie Sattler as a representative of the Dedham Youth Commission. Leslie Sattler is currently an assistant professor at Bridgewater State College with degrees and past practices in social work including non-traditional therapies.

Minutes from February 28th

Motion made to approve the minutes for February 28, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pride Day Planning

Pride Day Sub-committee was created and has had two meetings to plan the event with 13 members including many members of the community. The event will be on Thursday, June 2nd at 7 PM at town hall. The Dedham Public Library shared a variety of events they have planned. The goal is to limit the number of speakers for this coming year's event. One person would welcome everyone and then recognize elected officials in attendance. Elected officials would then be given a specific role at the event. Sean Malloy is seeking out how to involve students. Dedham School of Music and Dedham Chorus will be asked to perform. The group is seeking out diverse voices and stories to center at the event.

Dedham Cultural Event

A small subcommittee will be established to help plan the event. We have reached out to Veronica Robles to see if she might be available on the August date. The group discussed other performances including an Irish step dancer and a Haitian Reggae band. Philjay Solar will also seek out the Philippines dance troupe.

I Am Dedham

Diane Loude will attempt to interview the Dedham Public Library staff again in preparation for Pride Day at the end of May. Philjay Solar will be producing a show to highlight Asian American month for the end of April. Margaret Matthew and Joe Borsellino will interview female police officer including the police chief in June. James Kaufman will take November for a show. Sean Malloy also hoped to do a session to highlight the voices of students. Diane Preston Barry will support a September show.

Juneteenth Day

Margaret Adams will work on a display for the event and contact Dedham Historical Society.

Advocacy After Courageous Conversation

Joe Borsellino and Margaret Adams will plan to meet with Town Manager to advocate for next steps perhaps a townwide equity audit or training for staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission