Dedham Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022

Attendance: Sean Malloy, Joseph Borsellino, Chris Kelly, Margaret Adams, Diane Barry Preston, Diane Loud, Margaret Matthews

The Dedham HRC convened at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from March 28th

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

I Am Dedham

Chris Kelly coordinated the April I Am Dedham show including interviews of coordinators of James Joyce and the Cancer Walk. Diane Loude is working on the June program of the Dedham Public Library team. Philay Solar has a guest to feature for the May taping or subsequent show. Margaret Matthews and Joe Borsellino are on board to tape the June meeting including the police chief and female police officer. Leslie Slatter will tape a show on Title IX in October. Sean Malloy will plan a taping of students at the high school involved in Diversity Talks. Diane Barry Preston will be in September focused on the contributions of different people.

Pride Day Planning

The event will be on Friday, June 3rd at 7 PM at town hall. The subcommittee will meet tomorrow to ensure that all details are being finalized. The group discussed potential speakers for the event. The goal is to limit the number of speakers for this coming year's event. Dedham School of Music will support the sound system. Dedham High School chorus will perform. Sean Malloy is also engaged with GSA at DHS to get students involved as well as the volunteer coordinator.

Dedham Cultural Event

A small subcommittee met to plan the event. The event is planned on Wednesday, August 24th 5:30-7:30 PM at the Endicott Estate. Veronica Robles would be Sister D is a Reggae steel band. Someone will perform Irish Step and Greek Dance, Folk Art Center. The committee will reach out to perhaps have some local vendors seek out some sample foods. The Endicott Estate Commission meets tomorrow to discuss the details of the event. Mike Buckley and Joe will reach out to vendors. Diane Barry Preston will reach out to Amanda at the library to help to make a flyer for the event.

Members of the Dedham HRC will outreach to the PTOs to enlist their support in spreading the word about the event.

Juneteenth Day

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

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Dedham Day

The goal is to have a more interactive display with the community. Leslie Slatter will work on the Mandala art project. Margaret Adams will work on a world map to be colored in. The group also discussed ways to make the display on the day more interactive. The group discussed the possibility of having T-shirts designed with a logo and potential funders from religious groups. Leslie Slatter and Mike Buckley will investigate possible T-shirt vendors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM. The next meeting is on May 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission