

Dedham Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes May 23, 2022

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

The Dedham HRC convened at 7:03 PM.

Juneteenth Celebration

On June 18th, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM, there will be a local celebration at the Endicott Estate. Members of the HRC were invited to attend.

Minutes from April 25th

Motion made to approve the minutes for April 25, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pride Day Planning

The event will be on Friday, June 3rd at 7 PM at town hall. Three speakers are planned including Ed Paris, the new Avery principal. Dedham High School Chorus and Dedham School of Music will perform. Jim MacDonald will speak on behalf of the town. A raffle is planned for the event with a suggested donation. The donations will go to Out MetroWest. All PTOs have contributed in some ways including flags, beads, etc. The Dedham Library will also have a table to make buttons. Chris Kelly will meet with town staff to help plan the formatting of the event. Middle school GSA and some high school students will volunteer at the events. Other elected officials will also be donating their time by volunteering.

Dedham Cultural Event

The event is planned for Wednesday, August 24th, 5:30-7:30 PM at the Endicott Estate. Joe Borsellino will be presenting to the Endicott Estate Commission. Orchid 7 will have a table to serve some food. Mike Buckley is seeking out other vendors to provide food samples. Reggae Steel Band will be performing in addition to Veronica Robles. Dedham Public Library will have a table to share information. Dedham School of Music will also have a table. Dedham School of Music will put up the sound system.

I Am Dedham

Margaret Matthews and Joe Borsellino will be interviewing members of the Dedham Police on the next show.

Dedham Day

Leslie is planning a children's art activity. Joe Borsellino shared a map that folks would pin where their ancestors are from. These efforts will support a more interactive display.

MLK Speaker

The group brainstormed potential speakers for the event in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is on Monday, June 27th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission