



## Wakefield Human Rights Commission General Meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Zoom

*Commissioners Present:* Olivia Dannenberg, Jillian Dymment, Jeremy Little, Jessica Sutich & Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez

*Commissioners Absent:* Sherri Oken, Geeticka Upmanyu

*Public Commentators:* Nicole Jacob (Wakefield)

- Went over the number of the members discussed we had enough people to have the meeting.

1. Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

2. Did a quick check in and went around and spoke a little bit about us.

3. Public Participation- Nicole Jacob, gave an update on the event. Juneteenth flag raising June 15th waiting to hear back from Kate Garabedian on the confirmation on their assistance to the event.

Reported that the time is at 6pm.

She would like for the WHRC to please update FB page with the information of the event so we can share and town sites as well.

4. Approval of minutes: WHRC General Meeting Minutes April 25th (Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez, Jill Dymment, Nicole Jacob, Sherri Oken, Eileen Rooney, Geeticka Upmanyu, Benny Wheat)

- members did not received the minutes therefore Teresa will follow up on the minutes to make sure we get them for the next meeting.

5. New Member Introductions: Jessica Sutich, Olivia Dannenberg introduced themselves to the group and Jillian Dymment did as well. Then Jeremy Little and Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez did as well.

6. Voting for New Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary positions- Jeremy and Teresa gave a brief description of the roles and answered questions.

Jessica Sutich- Nominated herself for the Secretary position.

Motion made and approved by the members.

Jillian Dymment- Nominated herself for the Treasurer.

Motion made and approved.

Jeremy nominated Teresa for the Chair position and he would be open to be the Vice chair. Teresa also wanted to nominated Jeremy for the Chair position. Teresa did not accept the nomination for Chair. Vice Chair Position – Jeremy Little reported to be open to being vice chair. The group agreed to table the Chair position at this time until the next meeting. Jeremy will be the vice chair for now. Teresa will handle the notes and next steps to get clarification on what it is needed for the June meeting. Ask Sherri her thoughts on this for next meeting in June about being the Chair. A motion was made for the Vice Chair and it was approved.

Jeremy is officially Vice chair-

7. Updates on Activities and Events (all at the Americal Civic Center)

APAH Cultural Celebration - May 27th from 1 – 4 p.m.- Teresa read from the email from Sherri and let the group know some of the list of the activities for that day. If anyone is interested in volunteering to reach out to Sherri. Everyone encouraged to share the information.

Pride Flag Raising - June 1st at 5 p.m. Americal Civic Center

8. Matters not anticipated- Events in Reading for Pride and Juneteenth Group discussed the Truck parade on June 17th. Social media- group discussed a little bit HRC involvement in social media. The fact we only have FB and not Instagram. Olivia Dannenberg volunteered to be the lead on the FB account to share our events, etc.

9. Review action list –

- Teresa to connect with Sherri and Geeticka on the minutes from 4/25
- Teresa to confirmed with Eileen the times and dates of the events in June and share the information with the rest of the commission
- Teresa to ask Eileen for the FB ID and password or ask her to share with Olivia
- Teresa to ask Sherri/Daniela if possible to share any resources on role of Secretary with Jessica.
- Teresa to ask Eileen or Daniela to share anything related to Treasurer role.
- Teresa to ask and make sure the Juneteenth event gets shared with the town and FB page

10. Adjourn