



Wakefield Human Rights Commission General Meeting

August 15th, 2023 by Zoom

Commissioners Present: Olivia Dannenberg, Jessica Sutich, Sherri Oken, Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez

Commissioners Absent: Jillian Dymont, Jeremy Little, Geeticka Upmanyu

Liaisons and Ad Hoc Members present: Steven Skory, Pete Davis (representing the school), Glavia Smith

Non-Voting Absent: Rabbi Greg Hersh

7:03 pm Call to order

1. Public participation: No public participation at the meeting
2. Approval of WHRC general meeting minutes for April 18, 2023 and July 18, 2023
 - a. **WHRC General Meeting (4/18/23):** Jess motion to approve, Teresa seconded. All in attendance from that meeting approved.
 - b. **WHRC General Meeting (7/18/23):** Olivia motion to approve, Sherri seconded. All in attendance from that meeting approved.
3. Operations
 - a. Financial Report: Sherri reporting:
 - i. Jillian met with Steve and is up to date with procedures.
 - ii. Jillian and Sherri to follow up about some account items that still need updated numbers.
 - b. Social Media Posting: Olivia reporting
 - i. Going well. Open to ideas for any news and celebrations to add to the social media posting list
 - ii. We've been asked to post 2x a week so please add what you can think.
 - c. Electronic Storage of Documents and Graphics
 - i. Sherri noted for physical storage: There is storage in town hall where we can store flags and signs. **Label it (Property of HRC). Call the Town Administrator's office to arrange drop-off/pick-up during Town Hall business hours.**
 - ii. Jess noted for electronic storage: No info from town communication department yet.
 1. Will pursue Google Drive and divide the documents into two categories (publicly available already and those that are more sensitive)
 2. Make a best practices doc for managing.
 3. Will speak with Pete about technical details if need be
 4. Will follow up with town.
 - d. Open Meeting Law Clarification
 - i. Sherri: Any time you have a meeting between two commissioners you have to arrange a Zoom with Sherri Dalton to make it open to the town.
 - e. Materials ordered and their storage
 - i. Sherri: "Hate Has No Home Here" signs have arrived and are in storage. The box may also have some bumper stickers
 - ii. Peace flags will be available for events as well.
4. Activities
 - a. Hispanic Heritage Commemoration Planning: Teresa reported
 - i. It starts on September 15th but might be too tight a deadline to plan for then.
 - ii. Teresa reached out to volunteers and hasn't heard yet
 - iii. Americal center is open on weekends for events
 - b. Indigenous People Commemoration Planning

- i. Olivia and Jeremy haven't had a chance to call a meeting yet.
 - ii. Get in touch with the indigenous tribes to possibly do storytelling at Albion Cultural Center. People may get booked fast.
 - iii. Benny Wheat has done this event in the past. Get contact info to planners
 - c. Lecture Series Planning: Jess reporting
 - i. Reached out to other HRCs. Some positive feedback, but nothing to partner on presently.
 - ii. Reached out to the Health and Human Services department about possibility of workshops. Waiting to hear back.
 - iii. Reached out to the Library about possibility of book discussion event. Waiting to hear back.
 - iv. Sherri can be a contact for active bystander training.
 - v. Heard back from SpeakOut Boston. They charge based on non-profit/for-profit could possibly work within our budget. Tony Leone from NAGLY might be able to help. Wee the People do speaker series around specific topics and may be within budget.
 - 1. Need to discuss what the schedule should be
 - 2. Sherri noted that even if we do 2 that would be successful
 - vi. Need to reach out to the Sweetser Speaker Series about possible partnerships.
 - vii. Need to hold a public meeting to help gather more topics and ideas for partnerships and who the audience should be for each event.
 - d. Participation in Town Events: Farmer's Market and Oct. 7th Town Day
 - i. Jeremy hasn't gotten them to offer an earlier day for the Farmer's market. Of the two possible dates, October 21st will be booked for the Farmer's Market
 - ii. Sherri will send a SignUp Genius link out to schedule time slots for both events.
5. Matters not anticipated
- a. Pete Davis noted: Grant cycle for WEF01880 (Wakefield Educational Foundation) is in Sept-October. Generous grant givers if we have a specific grant idea.
 - b. Pete Davis updated on Northeast Metrotech: They have begun some site work on the project that is not related to the denial part of the project.
 - c. Steve Skory noted: Amy Rando has a road race to End Domestic Violence in September
 - d. School updates from Glavia
 - i. There will be a back to school night answering any questions that new parents have. Kids will be coming back on the 7th
 - ii. Some students need a place to stay in the gap between school and heading home. Families in Wakefield can sign up to host kids. Best when it happens organically
 - iii. Looking to revamp the family collaboration between Wakefield and Metco for programming.
 - e. Glavia mentioned possible connection for speaker series with Parent University (one topic is internet safety another is how to recognize depression and other mental health signs): Jess to get contact info for organizers from Glavia
 - f. Jess to email Sherri phone numbers for Jill and Jess to make contact list.
 - g. Olivia brought up the Revision of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Framework (CHPE). Pete will share info/links. **Email feedback by August 28th**
 - i. [Survey feedback form](#)
 - ii. [Further info](#)
6. Action List:
- a. Jillian and Sherri to follow up about financial account items that still need updated numbers.
 - b. Jess to follow up with Town Communications department about electronic storage. Begin organization.
 - c. Jess and Jillian to follow up with Sweetser Speaker Series, Library and Health and Human Services. Plan an open meeting.

- d. Sherri to send a doodle to sign up for town day slots and farmer's market slots.
 - e. Jess to get contact info from Glavia for Parent University.
 - f. Pete will share info/links for CHPE.
7. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., made by Teresa seconded and all approved.
 8. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Sutich