

Wakefield Human Rights Commission

Minutes of Meeting, January 15, 2019

Wakefield Community Access Television (conference room), 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA

Present:

Pina Masciarelli-Patel
Richard Greif
Maria Muti
Jennifer Boettcher
David Watts, Jr.
Bob Vincent
Isabel Castro
Talat Aman
Rabbi Greg Hersh
Chief Richard Smith, ex officio

Absent:

Amy Rando
Superintendent Doug Lyons, ex officio
Town Administrator Steve Maio, ex officio

I. Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

II. No public participation

III. Minutes from December meeting were accepted

IV. Chair's comments

- A. Volunteers- As events come up, please keep a list of participating volunteers
- B. WHRC website- Has been updated by Jen McDonald, any suggestions for changes, please send to Pina
- C. MAHRC- Second Friday of the month. Maria will attend in February and Rabbi Greg will attend in March

V. Update

- A. Policy and Procedure Update- motion to remove residency requirement because not required under MA law. Discussion around language indicating a preference for Wakefield residents but since we don't appoint members, not sure that should be in our policies. Motion withdrawn until next month.
- B. MLK Jr. Celebration- Draft agenda distributed. Additional guests include State Senator Jason Lewis and Representative Seth Moulton. Anyone on HRC should aim to be there around 8:30. Pina will find out who the custodian will be that day to help. Will be live-streamed.
- C. International Women's Day Celebration- scheduled for March 5 at The Savings Bank Theater, send speaker suggestions to subcommittee- Pina, Amy, Isabel and David
- D. ADL/WHRC Partnership- scheduled for April 25 in the evening.

VI. New Items

- A. Open seats- Two for town council appointment- David and Bill's seats and one for school committee appointment- Maria's seat. For Bill's seat- he had 1 year remaining in his term so subcommittee should make clear to town council that appointments will be one for 1 year and another for 3 years. Subcommittee will figure out deadline for application submissions and coordinate with Town Council/Steve Maio's office/School Committee so everyone has the same date.
- B. Updated Action List
 1. All- keep list of volunteers participating in various events
 2. All- send HRC website suggestions to Pina
 3. Maria and Rabbi Greg- attend MAHRC meetings
 4. Pina- find out custodian for MLK Day Celebration
 5. All- send speaker suggestions for Women's Day Celebration to subcommittee
 6. Open seats subcommittee- schedule deadline for applicants and convey to Town Council/Town Administrator/School Committee

Meeting adjourned at 7:37