

Wakefield Human Rights Commission MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m. PLACE: WCAT Studios, 24 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA 01880

1. Call to order: 6:37

2. Approval of minutes, August 20, 2019 meeting: All in favor. Minor changes. Chief Skory.

3. Public Participation. No public participation.

4. Advocacy/legislative issues

– Indigenous People’s Day – Native American Mascots bill

Discussion about the topic of Indigenous Day. Consensus. Reach out to organizations. Gather more information. Contact the library. Reach to organizations such as the “Sons of Italy”.

Discussion about the Town’s mascot. Engage in conversation with Doug Lyons, other members of the School Committee.

5. Response plan to incidents in town – General statement follow-up – MAHRC – rapid community response methods – Subcommittee for community response templates

Maria drafted a general statement. The victim is supportive, Rabbi Greg is in support.

Chief Skory

Steve Maio in full support. All in favor.

How do we want it disseminated. Item and Observer.

Maria: advance authorization. MAHRC.

All members approved to give the Chair and vice-Chair permission to issue statements of pressing issues. A subcommittee to craft a statement was formed. Pina, Jen Boettcher, Bob, Maria are part of it.

6. Summer/Fall events

- Farmer's Market – Saturday, 9/21, 9-1 – UU Church**
- speaker series, Thursday, 10/17 – Beebe Library book**
- event – METCO event**

No handing out food at the Farmer's Market per Department of Public Health.

SPEAKERS SERIES: We have two speakers. Immigration lawyer, Survivor. October 17th. There are other events.

Last RAAD Class

Conflicting events.

Women involved in the recovery process.

WCAT filming

Change of date. Respect the date.

The Tri-council meeting is on the same day. School, Town and Finance.

Library. Book event for January. Ms. Angela has been filling the position.

METCO. 50 YEARS. Wait until there is a new director.

7. Donation acceptance options – follow-up with MAHRC

We will ask next time

8. Wakefield Cultural Council Grant 2020

Tom Mullen: explanations for donations

For what event do we want to solicit money.

In-kind donations versus financial donations???

Maybe reserve donations for Pride/ maybe Indigenous Day. Most members are in agreement that they don't want WHRC to fundraise.

9. Board of Health food code regulations

Fill form with food items.

Link on the Board of Health Wakefield.

10. HRC supplies inventory/ordering

5 Common St. Who do we ask?

11. Matters not anticipated for agenda

Rich: MLK Day. Subcommittee.

Facebook: sep. 15 to October 15th. Hispanic Heritage Month. Find suggestions.

Jen Boettcher: share on FB in social media.

Rich: event in Wakefield

Bob: retiring at the end of October.

Jen Boettcher: subcommittee for replacement. Ask Town. Bob needs to write a letter. Town Council spot. Ask Steve Maio.

Subcommittee for iNDIGENOUS people Day

Official: Kristina, Jen Boettcher

Benny, Frankie, Pina

Volunteer: Amy, Isabel, Rich???

Ask Tom Mullen

Look for Speakers

12. Review Action List and Adjournment

ACTION LIST:

Isabel checked with the Beebe Library about events Indigenous Day.

Bob: Talk to the Sons of Italy

Maria: research about Marblehead

Rich: Op ed from Senator Lewis

**Rich: In charge of handouts for Farmer's Market.
Reach out to School Committee members.**

STATEMENT Action list: Amy, facebook, official page (Jen Boettcher MacDonald)

Rich: media

**Jen Boettcher: schools, Town Committee,
School Committee**

**Bob: Research the right language to empower
Chair and Vice Chairs to do statements.**

Jen Boettcher: drafts TEMPLATES

**Frank: gather WHRC materials. Let Rich know it.
Follow up materials.**

Kristina: talk to father about sound equipment

Pina: talk to Wakefield Cultural Council

Amy: ask about storing supplies.

**Isabel: in charge of speaking of the whole Latino
Community in town**

Benny: read appointment letter and share information

8:36 Meeting Adjourned