

WHRC Pride subcommittee meeting notes

4/4/2022

Present: Benny Wheat, Daniela Nedbalek, Eileen Rooney, Lindsay Averbook, Lucy (member of the public)

Benny, two things, flag and the Pride Concert in the works

Daniela: Sidewalks

Anonymous donation of swag

Things to do: inventory, and what do we want to talk about?

Daniela, also recirculate the profiles, both transgender and non-binary people.

FLAG

To be discussed: there is a group of residents that are not happy and supported a piece written into the daily item, specific to the flag request.

Town allows to raise the flag policy, pride and Juneteenth to use others, or the Vets Memorial field. They were in favor, and they were asked to draft with the town policy.

Lucy - public participation, I was shocked the paper would even print it, and it was printed directly next to another article about not posting vitriol. It concluded a lot of conflicting points. It should need to be addressed factually.

Directly to the flag policy, the POW flag is flown at Town Hall, at the Veteran's memorial common, they can't fly three flags at once. By asking we would need to remove the POW flag, they only allow two flags.

My hope is to ask the town council to delay the flag policy by one meeting.

Things to do: Response to the Item re: flying the pride flag and the Juneteenth flag

Question to Maria: Can we draft a communication to respond to the Item's Letter to the editor, can we write it and submit it on behalf of the HRC, or just as the sub-committee? EILEEN & BENNY draft the response together

Juneteenth 6/15, and Pride Raising on 6/1

Pride Flag Raising

Ideas: Local vendors to set up tables, "holigay market LGBTQ+", local businesses to set up a table, vendors and people

We have a permit for the concert, one person concert on the 19th. Permit application, might be food, I might be able to make amendments to the permit. Maybe have ice cream, and other vendors involved. Check with the town.

Ideas from Daniela, how do people feel about a panel, mission is about talking about how to come out, or being open at work, and residents, and one moderator, and we could get an ally, the moderator could be an HRC member. 20 minute panel, and allow from Q&A.

Love having the reading, historical speech with background, students, and feel like we could get int

History of the flags and what they mean

Should we have a "debate" to discuss why it's important to

Things to do: Need to do go ahead for the health department for food

Things to do: At the event, physical printing of the flags - could this be a "books in the park", scavenger hunt with local businesses - sign stakes into the ground, during covid - the hate has no home here signs

Things to do: sell the signs

Pride Flag

Inclusive flags, maybe an ice cream truck (who contacts?)

Concert day

Concert food vendor, maybe the queer community vendors, can we add more to the permit?

Things to do: Contact Jeremy regarding queer vendor contacts EILEEN

Things to do: Accessible through streaming, for kids and family, different categories (Pauline Murray, Marsha P Johnson), maybe music and artists

Things to do: Kieran Reilly - "This is me" Greatest Showman EILEEN

Things to do: Daniela, panelists - who we think should come? EILEEN & DANIELA

Things to do: Lindsay, art from the students - get it from the Principals, coordinator with the art teachers, they have done it with MLK day, and they can do it in a class with different age groups.  
EILEEN - Contacting the middle school DIVERSITY (Lindsay to email)

Things to do: Response to the article (BENNY AND EILEEN) to draft.