

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021 – Remote Meeting – 6:30-7:30 pm

REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen.L.c.30A &20, et seq., and 940 CMR29.01, et seq.

In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Human Rights Commission shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Go to Meeting will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Human Rights Commission website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Human Rights Commission meetings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the Human Rights Commission website. . We extend our thanks for your understanding in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Commission safe.

Chairman Kevin Merritt called meeting to order, stating the declarations above and asking all members to identify themselves and their home address.

Online for the meeting were:

Kevin Merritt
Pat Kilty
Donna Gaffey
Erin Bradley, MD
Jane Francis
Rob Bardell
Lindsay Beal

Motion to start the meeting was made by, Pat Kilty. Second by Jane Francis.
After roll call vote meeting began at 6:45 pm. Due to technical difficulties

First order of business was approval of meeting minutes for March 25/, 2021 motion to approve Pat Kilty, Jane Francis second. Roll call vote was held and minutes approved.

Subcommittee reports:

- Community Outreach (Jane & Pat) update on flyer; produced, and distributed via email to about 50 individuals.
- Event Planning (Lindsay & Donna) have been working with Pride Committee, collaborating with Heidi Bilbo and Raymie Parker and a growing number of persons and groups interested in planning for the Pride Event taking place on the common on Saturday, June 12th.
- Discussion of Juneteenth, getting good speakers involved. Would like to have people of color from this community; possible ideas: Pastor Calvin of the Baptist Church, Cheryl Saunders, Farah Ridore. Also reaching out to Michael Day and Jason Lewis. The date has been booked on the common, Saturday, June 19th. June will be a good month to get out and have get together. Keeping Juneteenth more educational and a meaningful event.
- Erin will be joining Rob and Sheila in education planning for HRC, both with By Stander training and Stoneham Reads. Registration for Stoneham Reads is "easy", suggestion made for the young adult version. Lindsay and Sheila are facilitators for Stoneham Reads and Lindsay asked that members support and promote their Stoneham Reads Facebook page
- Group to continue brainstorming for Fall Events, get a Facebook presence out there, possibly with assistance of Friends of Stoneham page, Stoneham Community page.

- Kevin will work on communication and getting a statement released from the HRC, Against Asian and Asian American violence and HRC.

Farmers Market will allow HRC a chance to have a table and to pass out flyers. A vote was held to have a presence at the market on June 17, prior to Juneteenth event to pass out flyers and a table at the September 16th market.

Kevin made the motion to accept these dates, Jane seconded, roll call vote and motion approved.

Next meeting was scheduled for May 20th.

Motion to adjourn by Donna, Erin seconds the motion. Roll call vote was held and meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm