

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021

Attendance: James Kauffman, Victor Hebert, Joe Borsellino, Chris Kelly, Diane Preston Barry, Margaret Adams, Lianna Manos, Margaret Matthews

Hate Has No Place In Dedham Sign

Many groups have taken their picture with the sign. Many other groups will continue to take other photos. Mike Buckley will organize a photo of the police and fire safety. Dedham Times will print one of the pictures each week in the paper.

Indigenous People's Day

Cultural Survival to offer "Dawnland" film in honor of Indigenous People's Day at Dedham Community Theater on Saturday, October 9th. The HRC voted to be a co-sponsor of the event. Joe Borsellino will share information.

Dedham Human Rights Table at Dedham Day on September 26th

Schedule for the Dedham Human Rights table at Dedham Day at Memorial Field:

12-1 Diane Loud

1-2 Margaret Adams and Victor Herbert

2-3 Joe Borsellino and Liana Manos

3-4 Chris Kelly

4-5 James Kauffman and Joe Borsellino

Materials to Prepare for Dedham Day:

- A poster of Census information will be provided by Jessica Porter.
- Chris Kelly will complete a flyer on the "I Am Dedham."
- Margaret Adams will email Dedham Historical Society to ask if there are other displays. She will also create a QR code for the table. She will also bring Black history to Dedham.
- Diane Preston Barry will email and contact the library to see if we can do a flyer about books they might recommend.
- Joe Borsellino will create a flyer for Dawnland event.

Martin Luther King Celebration

Tanya's Dance Center will do one or two dances. The Dedham High School Band and Chorus will perform. The Dedham Public Schools will take the "No Hate Banner" and then have them write essay about what it means to them. The meeting will be virtual. James Kauffman is trying to contact a speaker. The HRC discussed other possible speakers.

Dedham Cultural Arts

Margaret Adams and Chris Kelly will work on writing a Dedham Cultural Arts Grant to support perhaps a cultural event perhaps in the spring. Grant is due on October 15th.

Bylaw Committee

The Bylaw Committee on Tuesday, September 28th at 7 PM at Dedham Town Hall will review the Dedham HRC's warrant amendment. All members of the HRC are asked to attend if possible.

The finance and Warrant Committee will hear the warrant on Monday, October 4th at 6 PM via Zoom. All members of the HRC are asked to attend if possible.

William Gould Dedication

Tomorrow, September 23rd at 4 PM park dedication will occur. The group has identified an artist for sculpture. They have also raised 50% of the funds for the memorial.

Legal Resource Guide

Wayland HRC asked for a copy of our resource guide. Margaret Mathews will provide them with a copy.

Request to Support Dissemination of Information

Saint Susanna and Anti-Racism Coalition asked if the Dedham HRC will support their efforts to sponsor a family from Afghanistan. The Dedham HRC agreed to support the effort by spreading information about their efforts.

Article

An article focused on the role of cotton mills in slavery will be included in the walking tours planned in conjunction with the Dedham Historical Society.

Courageous Conversations

Representation was a key theme in the documents released. Joe Borsellino will ask the town manager to attend the October HRC meeting. If he is not able to attend, a smaller group will meet with him to discuss the idea of engaging in a townwide process to move the themes in the summary document forward.

Elections of Officers

The Dedham Human Rights Commission voted on the following slate of officers:

- Joe Borsellino will serve as chair.
- Chris Kelly and Diane Loud will be co-chairs.
- Margaret Adams will serve as secretary.

Meeting Dates

Meetings going forward will be held on the third Wednesday of the month.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Future meeting dates are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission