

**Dedham Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes August 15, 2022**

Attendance: Joseph Borsellino, Chris Kelly, Margaret Adams, Diane Barry Preston, Margaret Matthews, Jim Kaufman, Philjay Solar, Mike Buckley

The Dedham HRC convened at 7:03 PM.

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved by the commission.

Composition of the Commission

Joe Borsellino explained the changes in the membership of the commission. Victor Herbert has been appointed as vice-chair of the school committee. His duties will make it challenging to continue as a member of the commission. Office Mike Buckley will need to step down as a member of the commission as he will no longer be a resident.

A motion was made to honor and acknowledge the contributions for Mike Buckley for his four-year contributions of service to the commission. All members unanimously approved the motion.

Philjay Solar also will not be running for another term of the commission.

A motion was made to acknowledge the contributions of Philjay Solar and Victor Herbert to the Human Rights Commission. All members unanimously approved the motion.

Margaret Matthews will also be leaving the commission. She will be moving and leaving the town of Dedham. A motion was made to honor the contributions of Margaret Matthews to the commission. All members unanimously approved the motion.

The commission reflected on the contributions of the past few years including the Dr. King celebrations, Pride Day, and the collaborations with other community groups.

Joe Borsellino will check with Nancy Baker to get an update on the status of the posting of the positions for the commission.

I Am Dedham

Diane Barry Preston will do the ESOL program at Blue Hills. Joe Borsellino will interview Mother Brook in October. November will interview Adam Fisher who is the head of school at the Rashi School.

Cultural Event

Details are in place for the Wednesday, August 24th cultural event. There was an article in the Dedham Times. Flyers have been distributed. Joe Flannagan will put it on the message board. Members are encouraged to share the information on their social media page.

The Reggae and Steel band is set to perform at the event. Folk Art Center is also confirmed to lead a dance performance. The female mariachi band is also all set.

Orchid 7 will be selling some of their food at the event. The food truck, Vaz & Maz, has completed the necessary paperwork to sell food at the event.

Several organizations will have tables at the event including MotherBrook, Dedham Historical, Dedham Music, etc.

We will need help to clean up afterward at the event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission