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July 28 2011 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes (Final) July 28, 2011

Present: Christine Carney, Gary Horowitz, Nick Minton, Chair Nancy Rhoads, Nancy Sweeney, Sheri Baron, Suzie Talukdar

Absent: Stacy Davison, Bill Shea, Vita Cohen, Jorge Loayza

Review of April Minutes -

Minutes accepted as amended with one commissioner abstaining.

Incidents and Complaints -

Ms. Rhoads reported on the follow up the mediation held between school administrators and METCO parents. Ms. Rhoads has made attempts to contact Mr. Skidmore and Ms. Villano, but has not received a response at this time.

Ms. Rhoads has attempted to also follow up with Superintendent Bodie with regards to Diversity Training. No action has been taken by the Superintendent as of this date.

The Commission has sent the necessary paperwork to the resident who contacted the Commission regarding a housing complaint, and as of this date the paperwork has not been returned.

The Commission received a report from the APD regarding racist graffiti on the Minuteman Bike Path. Photos were taken by the police and the police will work with the business owner and DPW to have the graffiti removed.

Other Business -

Vita Cohen has resigned from the Commission. It was suggested that Houses of Worship and Anna Watson be informed of the openings on the Commission to find out if they know of anyone who might be interested in joining the Commission.

The Commission received a thank you note from Marylynn Carnell.

The Commission's website is a work in progress.

Sheri Baron will arrange a meeting with Caryn Malloy to get a better understanding of the role of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee's with regards to hiring.

Town Day-

Town Day is set for Saturday, September 17. An application has been submitted to reserve a booth space. Commissioner Carney will ask Marie Krepelka to not have the booth placed near the stage in front of Town Hall.

The booth will feature a free raffle for 4 gift certificates to local restaurants (Not Your Average Joes, La Posada, Pasha and Comella's) and a gift certificate to Henry Bears Park. There will be a questionnaire, a penny guessing game and magnets. A sign-up sheet will be circulated via email.

Goal Setting/Sub-Committee Formation -

There was a discussion with regards to the formation of new sub-committees; Schools, Community Outreach/Publicity

and Incident Response. Commissioners indicated which sub-committees they would like to serve on.

Schools: Suzie, Nancy S., Gary

Community Outreach/Publicity: Sheri, Christine, Nick

Incident Response: Sheri and Nancy R.

Commissioners who are not present will be contacted for assignment.

Also discussed was the creation of the role of a Commission liaison to each of the schools.

These items will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM was made and approved.

Submitted by:
Christine Carney
Commissioner