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Human Rights Commission Minutes 10/21/2003

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES-FINAL

October 21, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE

Sheri Baron
 Chris Carney
 Chris Deshler
 Kim Lam
 Kevin McGann
 Nick Minton
 Nancy Rhoads
 Bill Shea
 Nancy Sweeney
 Jim Webster

ABSENT

Cecilia Akuffo
 Marlissa Brigggett
 Sue McHugh

Kevin McGann called the meeting of the Human Rights Commission to order at 8:06 PM at the Town Hall Annex 2nd floor meeting room.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

There were no matters presented during the Open Forum.

REVIEW MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the September minutes with minor corrections.

COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

There were no complaints or incidents reported.

NEIGHBORHOOD CARE HOMES DISCUSSION

After discussion of Jean Hopkins' proposal of Neighborhood Care Homes the Commission agreed that it was beyond the purpose and mission of the Human Rights Commission.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policies and Procedures: There was nothing to report.
- Education: There was nothing to report.
- Rapid Response/ Publicity: Mary Ann Sullivan will contact Somerville HRC to get information and arrange a time for them to attend a meeting.
- Town Day: Sheri Baron will research the cost of a new Town Day Banner for next year. Chris Carney will get the certificates to Mary Ann Sullivan to drop off at Chris Salas's home.
- Fund-raising: There was nothing to report.
- New Members: The Commission agreed to accept the subcommittee's report in regards (attached in this packet).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

K. McGann moved to approve entering Executive Session. SO VOTED (9-1)
 C. Deshler voted in the negative.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:45 until 9:05 to discuss security issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion regarding profiles in diversity concerning recommending people for the articles (i.e. Debra Rose Brillati).
- The Commission agreed on looking into sponsoring a school program regarding Human Rights (i.e. ADL, Southern Poverty etc.). Regarding this matter an Education subcommittee meeting (and all other interested Commissioners) is scheduled for November 3, 2003 7:30 PM at the Whittemore Robbins House in the dining room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Source: Mary Ann Sullivan