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## Human Rights Commission Minutes 04/18/2001

MINUTES APRIL 18, 2001

Commissioners in Attendance    Commissioners Not in Attendance

Marlissa Briggett    Sheri Baron  
 Chris Carney    Esther Kingston-Mann  
 Chris Deshler    Nick Minton  
 Chris Kita    Nancy Sw eeney  
 Kevin McGann    Jim Webster  
 Susan McHugh  
 Roger Rosen  
 Bill Shea  
 Mary Ann Sullivan, staff assistant  
 Nick Minton

Bill Shea called the meeting of the Human Rights Commission at his home (the Jefferson-Cutter House was locked) to order at 8:25 P.M.

### REVIEW MINUTES

There needs to be a name correction on the March 21, 2001 Minutes to Esther Kingston-Mann (hyphen correction).

### COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

There were no complaints or incidences reported.

### SPRING DIALOGUE

The subcommittee decided that the topics discussed earlier on the Elderly and Disabled had no relevant human rights issues. Arlington offers good services and awareness communication to the residents. The new topics discussed for a June or July workshop are Boy Scouts Ruling or Racial Profiling. The subcommittee also wants to change the day from a Saturday to a weekday. There was a motion by Chris Deshler to accept the racial profiling as the next workshop topic in June. Chris Carney second the motion. There is an expert in the field in Oaks Bluff that the subcommittee will get in touch with as a speaker. Fred Ryan will also be a resource.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Commission will attend a Strategic Planning Workshop on Saturday May 12, 2001 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Ames Safety building, 30 Dane St., Somerville, Mass. All Commissioners please arrive early so that the workshop may start on time. Mary Ann Sullivan will get a lunch list to Bill Shea and directions to the Commissioners.

### FOLLOW-UP ON SCOUTS.

Chris Deshler and Sue McHugh will review the draft letter written for the School Committee.

### ADVOCATE PUBLICITY

Sheri Baron would like to run a small blurb with logo in the Advocate every week. She has spoken to Les Masterson and he has agreed to run items. Sheri Baron would like a quote or article (AHRC based) every week in the paper. She would like the Commissioners to share in the task and E-mail to Sheri different items at:

[sbaron@mediaone.net](mailto:sbaron@mediaone.net).

#### NEW BUSINESS

Marlissa Briggett is organizing a Book Group Discussion before the summer. The possible book title is "How Race is Lived in America" by the New York Times Correspondents Series. It is a compilation of multiple short stories. The draw back is that it is only in hardcover and retails for \$25.00. For this book group there may not be a speaker but just a general book discussion. Marlissa Briggett will do a quick update at the May 12, 2001 workshop.

- ° The Commissioner Member List was updated and is attached to these minutes.
- ° There was a discussion concerning the hiring policies on diversity. The Commission would like to hear Gus Martinson address his outreach strategies for minorities. Bill Shea will talk to Sheri Baron and plan to ask Mr. Martinson to a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Ann Sullivan.