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## Human Rights Commission Minutes 11/14/2001

### HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**November 14, 2001**

#### **In Attendance**

Sheri Baron  
 Marissa Briggett  
 Christine Carney  
 Chris Kita  
 Susan McHugh  
 Nick Minton  
 Roger Rosen  
 Nancy Sweeney  
 Jim Webster

#### **Absent**

Christine Deshler  
 Esther Kingston-Mann  
 Kevin McGann  
 Bill Shea

Sheri Baron called the meeting of the Human Rights Commission to order at 8:07PM at the Jefferson-Cutter House.

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

The Commissioners agreed on a format for future minutes. The minutes should reflect essence of topics discussed at the meetings. All were in agreement to have the October minutes redone and to be brought to the next meeting as a draft.

#### **COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS**

- The Commissioners decided to hold on Fabyan St. until the next meeting when the sub-committee Commissioners are in attendance.
- There are no new complaints and incidents.
- Francesco Vialobos is the new liaison to cities and towns. There was a discussion over if its ok to release info on an old case to MCAD. It was determined after a release is signed by the complainant it is ok. S. Baron will take care of the authorized release.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### a) Policy and Procedure

There were a few corrections to the packet.

- Fix the last page by taking the meeting dates off.
- Recopy the complaint form -- it needs the other side.
- J.Webster will try to get the forms on a disc.

##### b) Dialogue/Book group

- At the last Book Group Meeting there were about 250 attendees. It was well publicized and very successful. The next Book Group will be March 18, 2002 in the Community Room at Robbins Library. The book will be Whoredom and Kim mage: The Private Lives of Irish Women, by Rosemary Mahoney. There was a discussion on changing the Name to "Evening with the Author".
- At the Bullying vs. Harassment Dialogue there was a very small turn out-about 27 people. It was a broad topic discussion with some talk about school issues.
- The next Dialogue will be January 1, 2002. It will be Mickey Mouse
- Monopoly with Diane Levin. The sub-committee will meet to set-up details before November 24, 2001 so information will be ready to put in the Parents Paper.

##### C) Rapid Response

This committee has not met, so there is nothing to report. They will meet and look at a Somerville program dealing

with rapid response. The Commissioners on the sub-committee are: S. Baron, M. Briggett, and C. Deshler.

### **BOY SCOUTS ISSUE**

There was a School Committee decision on the Boy Scouts. There was a 4-3 vote in favor of terminating school sponsorship of troops. The Committee will give the Boy Scouts 1 year to re-sponsor and they will help them. It was suggested that each Commissioner should call the School Committee Members who voted for re-chartering and thank them.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- At next month's meeting there will be a vote for a new Chairperson.
- In March of 2002 after the new Selectmens Chair is voted in, a new brochure should be ordered for the AHRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.