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Human Rights Commission Minutes 12/19/2001

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2001

IN ATTENDANCE

Marlissa Brigggett
 Christine Carney
 Christine Deshler
 Chris Kita
 Nick Minton
 Susan McHugh
 Bill Shea
 Nancy Sweeney
 Jim Webster

ABSENT

Sheri Baron
 Esther Kingston-Mann
 Kevin McGann
 Roger Rosen

Bill Shea called the meeting of the Human Rights Commission to order at 8:05 PM at the Jefferson-Cutter House.

REVIEW MINUTES

- The Commissioners accepted the September minutes.
- There is one correction for the October minutes. Under Complaints and Incidents, line 4 changes "than" to "then".
- The Commissioners accepted the November minutes.

COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

There were no new complaints or incidents for December. The Commission will review the Fabyan St. complaint with Kevin McGann at the next meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policies and Procedures: The committee is up to date and complete with their work. Jim Webster put all forms on disc. Mary Ann Sullivan will edit disc and keep the disc at the office. If anyone would like a disc copy contact Jim Webster and he'll make one.
- Education: They need to meet in the beginning of January; C. Carney will set up the meeting time and date.
- Dialogues/Book Groups: They need to meet in the beginning of January. On January 31, 2002 there will be the Mickey Mouse Dialogue. The mailing and flyers need to be done. Marlissa Brigggett and Chris Carney will set up a meeting.
- Rapid Response/ Publicity: There will be a potluck dinner in March with the Diversity Task group. Sheri Baron talked to the group about a shared monthly news article in the Advocate and the need for a group rapid response. The Diversity Task group was receptive to be involved in both. The next meeting of the Diversity Task group is January 5, 2002 (this is also the special Town meeting concerning Symmes Hospital).

WALTER SULLIVAN- MCAD COMMISSIONER

Walter came out to the AHRC with Richard McGee to dialogue about how the MCAD and the AHRC could help each other. These were some points discussed:

- The MCAD is changing its office and policies and procedures to run more efficiently. They want to establish patterns of companies, train small companies (6+ employees) on Mass laws and rules. They need to develop a

better way of communicating. They want to utilize their new case management system to research regional complaints. He would like towns and cities to volunteer on cases in their area. The MCAD wants to cut down the number of backlog cases.

- Chris Kita will call Walter Sullivan the beginning of January to talk about The Arlington caseload at MCAD.
- Mary Ann Sullivan will send a list of Commissioners, their telephone numbers, and office literature to Walter Sullivan at the beginning of January.

BOY SCOUTS

Sheri Baron will research through Carlos Rameiros who the other chartering organizations/people for other scout troops (i.e. the Explorer Troop).

NEW BUSINESS

- Roger Rosen will not seek another term. All Commissioners should research people who have expressed an interest in being a Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.