

LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2018, 6:30pm

Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple Street

Commission Members Present: Bill Gardiner, Mel Goldsipe, Lisa Krinsky, Anna Watson
Guests: Arthur Prokosch, Megan Morse

Meeting began at 7 pm.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Assign minute-taking – Lisa Krinsky
3. Town Day planning – 9/15/18. Commissioners will take shifts from set up through take down at end of day. Brochures about Commission, upcoming events, candy handouts, mailing/sign up list for Commission information. Logistics details to be addressed by working group in early September.
4. Recap of Beyond Trans 101 workshop – good turnout for summer event. Discussion about further Trans education – along lines of Trans 101 - for Community done this Fall (see #5)
5. Trans Awareness Month planning / True Story Theater collaboration – November is Trans Awareness month but considering community event (theatre group, panel discussion) for October, perhaps in conjunction with National Coming Out Day (October 11)
6. Approve meeting minutes from July meeting – tabled for September meeting
7. Recap of Restorative Justice opening circle – Anna attended and spoke representing the LGBTQ community for the first RJ circle/participant. Discussion about intersectionality of anti-Semitic and homophobic actions and meaningful responses beyond apology letters.
8. Ms. (and Mx.) complaint update – held over for September meeting.
9. Open forum – Commission Draft Budget added to September budget for FY20.
10. Community events & announcements
 - a. NAACP Freedom Fund annual breakfast, Sons of Italy, Aug. 18, 9 am
 - b. Cosponsoring Robbins Library *Steven Universe* Sing-Along & Crystal Craft, Aug. 28, 7 pm
 - c. Cosponsoring Robbins Library Queer Book Group, *The House of Impossible Beauties* by Joseph Cassara, Aug. 29, 7pm
 - d. Cosponsoring parent forum, Ottoson cafeteria, Sept. 25, 7 pm [provide materials about ballot Q3]
 - e. Cosponsoring LexPride screening of *Gen Silent*, documentary about LGBTQ+ seniors who go back into the closet to survive. Cary Hall, Lexington. Nov. 4, 1-3 pm. Lisa Krinsky will be a panelist for post-screening discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Krinsky, Commissioner.