

**LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:30 pm**  
**Town Hall 1st Floor Annex conference room, 730 Mass Ave**

Commissioners present: Commissioners Bill Gardiner, Mel Goldsipe (vice chair), Brooks Harrelson, Lisa Krinsky, Helene Newberg

Liaisons present: Acting Chief Julie Flaherty (APD); Rob Lorino (Robbins Library); Eliza Philips (Ottoson QSA)

Absent: Commissioners Julia Forsythe, Anna Watson (chair)

Vice chair Goldsipe called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

1. Assign minute-taker – Brooks was assigned to take minutes
2. Announcements – Congratulations to Captain Julie Flaherty for being appointed as Acting Chief of Arlington Police Department.
3. Welcome and introductions
4. Report from Chief Flaherty about 2018 hate incidents.

2019: 1 Hate Incident so far this year (Ottoson, words on blackboard)

2018: 17 Hate Incidents including 5 Hate Crimes, crime analyst working on

2016: 11 Hate Incidents

2014/2015: 5 Hate Incidents (Chief Flaherty says this was possibly under-reported)

5. Restorative Justice update – All but one of the 17 involved in the High School incident have completed their RJ tasks. New final task for last one, last closing circle not yet scheduled.
6. Approve minutes – Commissioner Gardiner moved to table, Commissioner Krinsky seconded, passed unanimously.
7. Events –
  - a. Post Valentines get-together for Feb. 16 in the Library Community Room 3-4:30. Motion by Commissioner Krinsky, seconded by Commissioner Gardiner, passed unanimously. Commissioner Goldsipe will organize.
  - b. Crafts Day at Robbins Library community room Mar. 16. Motion by Commissioner Gardiner, seconded by Commissioner Newberg, passed unanimously. Commissioner Goldsipe will organize. Commissioner Harrelson will put in FoodLink request.
  - c. Drag prom – Commissioner Watson will be meeting with Katy at the Robbins Library regarding events details. There will be a discussion about issues related to

the Commission hosting/cosponsoring drag events at the next meeting.  
Commissioners will receive articles about drag to read in advance.

- d. Diversity Day at the High School set for April 10. The Commission was invited to give a presentation or two. Suggested to get GSA involved in suggesting presentation topics.
  - e. PorchFest – same day as Boston Pride, possible to have a Pride Stage? – Roll this discussion into regular Pride planning, include AHS graduation, Greek Festival and SoapBox Derby in discussion.
  - f. True Story Theater reached out re: LGBTQ Intergenerational events. No action.
8. Correspondence received:
- a. J. Wayman from Arlington’s Community Development Block Grant and Arlington-Somerville Continuum of Care asked if we do training. Commissioner Goldsipe referred them to LexPride.
  - b. Request to have a Rainbow Alliance at Stratton Elementary, like there is at Brackett. Issue referred to DTG through Commissioner Harrelson.
  - c. H. Maxwell is interested in volunteering. Commissioner Goldsipe will ask if quilt donation can be ready to raffle at Pride Picnic or Town Day. Poster design services may be available through daughter, who is a graphic design student.
9. Follow up on strategic planning – Town Meeting approved adding 2 more commissioners. Commissioner Goldsipe will forward the suggested wording for the advertisement to Christine Bongiorno.
10. Open forum – No additional visitors present.
11. Community events – Commissioner Goldsipe said that a long list of community events has been posted to the website and will be included in the newsletter that will go out next week.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Newberg, seconded by Commissioner Gardiner, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Commissioner Brooks Harrelson.