



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: *Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Time: *6:30 pm*

Location: *Robbins Library, 4th Floor Conference Room*

Attendance:

Commissioners present: Mel Goldsipe (Chair), Julia Forsythe (Vice Chair), Lisa Krinsky, Helene Newberg, Bill Gardiner, Brooks Harrelson

Liaisons: N/A

Visitors: Cody Boisclair, Andy Rubinson, M.P.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm, AR assigned as minute-taker.

Open Forum: Parent Forum is being pursued for Oct 23rd. Topic is Building Community to Support LGBTQIA+ Youth instead of ace event.

Minutes: BG moves to approve minutes from 8/15/19; BH seconds; passed.

Town Day Recap:

- 37 people signed up for mailing list.
- Need estimated costs for next year. No need to purchase tent or other reusable items already owned.
- Bill summarized Town Day experience in report he printed and shared with group, with following highlights discussed in the meeting:
 - o Approximately 100 handouts taken
 - o Ran out of bracelets and flags by noon.
 - o Recommendations for future Town Days:
 - A single commissioner be present for the full day for continuity
 - RC mission should be posted on banner, easel, or bulletin board. Make colorful to draw people in.
 - Do a ½ page handout or smaller (can do front/back) to not get lumped into papers gathered and thrown away by attendees.
 - Consider putting up feather flag to help people find tent.
 - Consider buying for next year: 1000 each - flags and wristbands
 - Have water for temporary tattoos, so people can apply immediately

- Have flag guide on the table that people can reference color schemes.
- LK mentioned a couple of people who visited the tent needed follow up.

Upcoming Events:

- Reviewed the list. Offered CB the opportunity to share a flyer on Ace Week with attendees of craft event.
- Need to determine if we want to apply for another Boston Pride Community Fund grant in November.
- Parent Forum taking place at Ottoson cafeteria on Oct 23.
 - BG and AL met with LexPride organizers to discuss programming for event
 - Call for facilitators requested, asking RC to ID anyone who may be interested
 - Bill was asked to create a write-up with more details
- AR will write a blurb for volunteer followup to send to current Mailchimp list and new signups from Town Day, asking for volunteer interest and willingness to attend an info session.
- SAGE Table – LK will emcee, with MG and others possibly joining.
- We will cosponsor Transgender Day of Remembrance with LexPride. Issue raised with lack of bus service on Sundays. Need to explore alternative transportation options.

Membership update:

- AL confirmed as commissioner, but may need to move out of state.
- MG moving out of town by April or maybe sooner.
- BG and HN terms up in March. BG not planning to renew. HN uncertain on renewal.
- Group was uncertain on status of AW renewal.
- AR to be confirmed as commissioner in Sep 23 Select Board meeting.
- It was noted that a commissioner whose term has expired may remain in their role until a replacement is found.

Subcommittees:

- LK reported on Strategy & Planning Committee meeting
 - 6 areas were identified that we focus on, plus Strategy & Planning
 - Need to identify skillsets needed
 - Want to better understand consent agenda. Mel will reach out to Doug Heim to inquire about proper rules.
- Recruitment will be focus of Dec meeting, with start of year target for preparing new commissioner recruits for April replacements.
- JF to serve as Recording Secretary to act as central funnel of information from subcommittees.

Liaisons and Partnerships:

- Possible cosponsorships to be addressed in 2020 budget.
- We need to invite the new D&I Rep to our January meeting.

Budget:

- BG shared budget report. LK thinks there's a more recent version to discuss instead.
- BG and LK will reexamine the correct budget info before the next meeting.
- BG will check with Christine Bongiorno to confirm deadline for budget submission.

October meeting will focus on engaging with schools around LGBTQIA+ issues. Will ask leadership how to review and update all forms with gender-specific information. BG to take minutes and LK will be time keeper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm (BH moves, LK seconds, passes)
Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019 6:30 pm, location TBA.

Respectfully submitted, Andy Rubinson, Commissioner