



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM -8:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Andy Rubinson (Vice Chair), Brooks Harrelson, Helene Newberg, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Keith Mistler

Liaisons: Jillian Harvey – DEI, Christina Coleman – DEI, Len Diggins – Select Board, Marci Shapiro-Ide – Council on Aging

Guests: Wynelle Evans, Molly Gillis

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m, LK assigned as minute-taker.

1. Remote participation statement and guidelines read by AR.
2. Welcome and introductions (include your pronouns if you want to).
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. BH moved to approve consent agenda. SRV seconds, motion carries.
4. Community Updates & Upcoming Events
 - a. Transgender Day of Remembrance scheduled for 11/20/20, cohosting with Lex Pride

- b. SAGE Table with Arlington Senior Center a huge success – Pronoun performed and AHS GSA students participated.
 - c. Next activity: Holiday event in December or early 2021
5. Liaison Updates
- a. Len Diggins/Select Board: Town Meeting will convene a study committee for a citizen’s review board for APD. Rainbow Commission to identify representative to join this study group.
 - b. Marci Shapiro-Ides/COA: ongoing weekly Zoom events for LGBTQ older adults – welcome younger people to participate as well.
6. Working Group Updates
- a. APD Policy on interactions with Transgender and Gender Diverse people: after numerous reviews and consultations with LGBTQ experts, the document is in final edits and will be submitted to Chief Flaherty in the next few weeks.
 - b. HRC – Municipal Equality Index: Final score to be released in December. Once score announced then workgroup will start addressing details and also work with Town Equity Plan
7. Discuss suggestions on ways to make Arlington more inclusive
- a. Guest Wynelle Evans asked to learn more about Rainbow Commissions activities to date (Town day, Liaisons to schools and DIGS, consultation with APD) and discussion of further opportunities to ensure LGBTQIA+ voices in other town committees etc.
8. Public Engagement and Open Commentary
- a. None

7:35 pm :HN moved to adjourn meeting, BH seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 17th, 2020, 6:30 pm, Remote Participation