



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM -8:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Andy Rubinson (Co-Chair), Lisa Krinsky (Co-Chair), Julia Forsythe, Keith March Mistler, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Helene Newberg, Molly Gillis, Kari Sasportas

Liaisons: Jillian Harvey, DEI Director; Christina Coleman, DEI Admin; Len Diggins, Select Board; Marci Shapiro-Ide, Council on Aging; Chief Julie Flaherty, Arlington Police Department

Guests: Christina (Tia) Harrison

Absent: Commissioners Keith March Mistler, Susan Ryan-Vollmar

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. HN 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. Consent Agenda: Passed, with Our Revolution MA request for event co-sponsorship of a virtual forum removed from consent agenda for later discussion
4. Liaison Updates
 - a. Council on Aging:
 - i. MSI asked ARC to consider matching the COA honorarium to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence non-profit for hosting Pride Bingo event; BH moved to affirm request, MG seconded, motion passed unanimously

- ii. MSI gave a brief history of her 10 years of LGBT Programming through the Arlington Senior Center, and going strong.
 - b. Director of Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Focus on Juneteenth town event, July 15, 2021 conversation re: Fair Housing, Town Manager and post-covid changes to operations
 - c. Robbins Library (MSI) Liaison Rob Lorino moving on, The ARC thanks Rob for creating, publicizing, and running LGBTQIA+ programming
 - d. APD: JF - Crosswalk painting detail feedback was positive; the APD Advisory Committee discussed LGBTQIA+ community and police relation
 - i. Chief Flaherty looking for opportunities for dialogue to increase understanding between the groups
 - e. Select Board: LD nothing to report other than Pride Proclamation went over well
- 5. Working Group Updates
 - a. Community Engagement/events
 - i. need to plan events and order giveaways in January for June Pride events; need to publicize methods for donating to ARC through DEI office - note for next newsletter; discussed possibility of retreat 1x or 2x year for planning purposes
 - b. Public Education
 - i. MG: working with schools to improve curriculum, teacher enablement in all grades
 - c. Municipal Equality Index
 - i. HN: Arlington may be eligible for points for out, gay elected officials and for third-party vendor non-discrimination clauses for both sexual orientation and gender identity - research provided to JH; KS: May be bonus point eligible for inclusive workplace policies, domestic partner benefits as well
- 6. Commissioner Membership/Recruitment
 - a. Commissioner JF is resigning, Thank you Julia for your leadership!
 - b. New Commissioner recruitment will be synced with other Commission recruitment this summer and led by Jill Harvey/DEI Director.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Active Bystander for Law Enforcement APD endorsement request: HN moves KS seconds to write a letter endorsing APD participation in this training
 - b. Our Revolution MA request: BH moved to end discussion with no action on request, MG seconded
- 8. Public Engagement & Open Commentary
 - a. CH thanked the Commission for their work

8:27pm JF moves to adjourn, KS Second, unanimous

Next meeting July 15, 2021

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