



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday June 15, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Hybrid Participation -Arlington Community Center HHS Conference Room and via Zoom

This will be a hybrid meeting. Individuals may choose one of the following in-person or virtual options:

Attend in person in the 2nd Floor HHS Conference Room at the Community Center (Senior Center), 20 Academy Street/27 Maple Street. Registration not required for in-person attendance.

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Present: Co-Chair Helene Newberg, Commissioners: Andy Rubinson, Lisa Krinsky, Kym Goldsmith, Paloma Cotton-Herman, Kari Sasportas

Absent: Co-Chair Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Molly Gillis

Liaisons: Julia Starkey, Marci Shapiro-Ide, Teresa Marzilli

Minutes

1. Remote Participation Statement and Guidelines
 - a. Read
2. Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Read
3. Review and approval of May 2023 Minutes
 - a. LK motioned to approve, AR seconded the motion; all approved
4. Working Group Updates
 - a. Education

- i. Fall event – working with Human Rights Commission; hoping to invite a keynote speaker that draws a crowd
 - ii. Rainbow Alliance thank you event – late June
 - iii. 2023-24 event dates – setting them for the year in the next month
 - iv. New liaison – Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Mona Ford Walker, replacing Rod MacNeal
 - b. Community Engagement
 - i. Successful painting of Arlington crosswalks across 3 locations
 - ii. Pride event is taking place June 17, 2-5pm, Whittemore Park
 - iii. Face painting, ice cream truck, swag, resource table
 - iv. Rain or shine – various people to post on social media reminders the day before
 - v. Rainbows Across Communities event – July 28th, 12:30 - 2:30p, Spy Pond
 - c. Town Systems & Policies
 - i. none
 - d. Communications
 - i. none
- 5. Liaison Updates
 - a. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)
 - i. Monday June 19th – Juneteenth; DEI/Black Joy is hosting a celebration in the garden from 11-2 with Jazz music by Jacques Schwarz-Bart, APS Orchestra, members of Black Joy, and Crystal Haynes giving remarks. We'll also have a sundae station
 - ii. RepHAIRations will have a block party from 2-7p
 - iii. Continuing to meet with department heads to unpack the Equity Audit
 - iv. Supporting planning department with MBTA Communities
 - v. Beach chairs are going in at the Res
 - b. Police Department (APD)
 - i. Happy Pride Month, we are celebrating with our Pride Off Road Vehicle which we use for all of our Community policing events. We have heard from many community members who are thrilled with the design, thank you to commissioners for your assistance. We also [released a statement about Pride month](#) that includes a quote from Helene.
 - ii. The Town Manager has announced that an agreement has been reached with patrol officers regarding body worn cameras. We will begin the procurement and policy process and hope to have them in place as soon as possible.
 - iii. APD partnered with the Middlesex Sheriffs Department to conduct de-escalation training. [You can read more about this here.](#)
 - c. GSA/QSA-AHS/Ottoson/Gibbs
 - d. Library
 - i. Reel Queer – doc night and discussion
 - ii. Pride displays have been really popular

- iii. summer reading program starts Saturday, June 17
- e. Select Board
 - i. none
- f. Council on Aging
 - i. June 19 (Mon) Time out market gathering in Boston, 6-8:30PM
June 20 (Tues) OUR SENIOR PRIDE Celebration, 2PM, in person only, ARL Senior Center
 - ii. July 18 (Tues) on zoom only 2PM
 - iii. July 19 (WEDS) 11:00 am Modern Pronouns Talk, ARL Senior Center, Yoga Room, in person only. Learn more about how using affirming language and pronouns can help you create a more inclusive community.
 - iv. July 25 (Tues) 2PM in person only, ARL Senior Center
 - v. Sage Table dinner – Nov. 9
- 6. Public Engagement and Open Commentary
- 7. Close and Next Meeting. Thursday, July 20, 2023. 6:30pm Hybrid.
 - a. LK moves to adjourn; AR seconded

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