

Brookline Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations Meeting

September 21, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Public Health Building – Denny Room

Commissioners Present: Alex Coleman, Sandy Batchelder, Malcolm Cawthorne, Ernest Frey, Sean Jaynes, Anthony Naro, Kelly Race, Enid Shapiro, Dwaigh Tyndal, Kea van der Ziel, Ginny Vaz

Liaisons and Staff Present: Bernard Greene – BoS, Lloyd Gellineau - Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations

Commissioners Absent: Wesley Chin

Liaisons Absent: Ben Chang – School Committee

Reporter: Ginny Vaz

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Alex Coleman, Chair at 6:35 p.m.

Motion to appoint Ginny Vaz to take the minutes for tonight's meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Sandy moved to approve the minutes of the 8/17/16 meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

Complaint Committee

Discussion of complaint process.

Election of CDICR Officers

Ernie moved that the commission elect Kelly Chair. Ginny seconded. Approved unanimously.

Anthony moved that Sandy be elected Vice Chair. Enid seconded. Approved unanimously.

Anthony moved that Ginny be elected Secretary. Ernie seconded. Approved unanimously.

Employment Diversity

The EEO Policy dated 9/20/16 is ready for review by town officials. It has been given to Sandra DeBow to review with Town Counsel and the Human Resources Board. The committee will also review it with Mel Kleckner as we have added responsibilities to the Town Administrator. Final approval will be by the BoS. Enid made a motion to accept the EEO policy dated September 2016. Seconded by Ernie. Approved unanimously.

Warrant Article

Human Services Sub-committee of the Advisory committee approved the warrant article as drafted with one exception. MCAD reference should be added back into the article.

Update:

BOS heard Warrant Article presentation. They were satisfied but wanted minor changes which they did not vote on it. In regards to 3.14-10, the commission should be cognizant that this bylaw might provoke conflicts with other bylaws. The full Advisory Committee will consider the Warrant Article at their meeting on 9/22/16.

Fair Housing Committee

There will be a fair housing training in early November with an expected attendance of 25 people. There will be a discussion of protected federal and state classes. Commission will reach out to BIG to request that this meeting be recorded and televised for other commissions and those that can not attend.

Around Town

A new Community Relations Coordinator was hired by the town. This person has a strong background on ADA compliance. Will examine the town and current building structures to make sure they are compliant.

Commission should become more aware of cultural events around town and make efforts to attend such as recently past PAN Asian Event.

Brookline is Our Home would like to reactivate past festivals.

Upcoming Events

Race Reels at Brookline High School

10/5 at 6pm

Pizza will be served

Reel in the Closet

Coolidge Corner Theatre

10/19 at 7pm. Lloyd's office has 10 tickets if anyone is interested in attending.

Next CDICR full Commission meeting will be on 11/9/16 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Alex Coleman, Chair.