



ATTLEBORO COUNCIL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Location: Zoom virtual meeting

<https://brown.zoom.us/j/98330233732?pwd=RGJEdmM0R0lrNUdUaStyODlwbG5ndz09>

Time: 6:30-8pm

Meeting Type: Council on Human Rights Monthly Meeting

Attendees: ACHR members: Jessica Reagan Salzman, Steve Berdos, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark, Stephanie Gray, Ashley Stewart, & Laurie Sawyer, Chairperson. Guests: Councilor Ty Waterman, Patricia Donahue, Nancy Scott

Chairperson Laurie Sawyer opened the meeting

- I. Review of Derek Chauvin conviction
- II. **VOTE** to approve meeting minutes from March 17, 2021
 - a. YAY: Laurie Sawyer, Jessica Reagan Salzman, Steve Berdos, Stephanie Gray, Ashley Stewart, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. World Water Day event debrief – March 22, 2021
 - i. Guest speakers included Mayor Heroux, Water Department superintendent Kourtney Wunschel, Mass Audubon’s Danica Warns and Chris Hitchener, Friends of the Ten Mile and Bucklin Brook’s Ben Cote, Attleboro Land Trust’s Ted Leach, and Keep Attleboro Beautiful’s Laurie Drucker
 - b. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day debrief – April 15, 2021
 - i. Guest speakers included Attleboro Public Schools superintendent David Sawyer, Congressman Jake Auchincloss, RI State Rep Katherine Kazarian, National Armenian Studies and Research Director of Academic Affairs Marc Mamigonian, and Pulitzer prize winning poet Peter Balakian
 - ii. Artwork, letter to President Biden, and lyrics to “Artsakh” by Serj Tankian to be hung in Attleboro High School
 - c. Trans Day of Visibility debrief – Peabody Library, March 31, 2021
 - d. Pride Flag Raising – we should highlight trans women of color
 - e. Juneteenth – Ashley would like to identify someone who can take over planning in future years

- f. Annual report meetings – May 15th and June 26th, Stephanie will send link to annual report shared doc to council members
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Neighbors in Dialogue on May 5th will be “New Ways in Policing Today”
 - b. Discussion of APD POP team
 - c. Discussion of Sun Chronicle articles about APD vacancies
 - d. **VOTE** to approve ACHR statement to the Sun Chronicle re: Derek Chauvin conviction: letter to the editor, 250 words, discuss accountability vs. justice
 - i. YAY: Laurie Sawyer, Jessica Reagan Salzman, Stephanie Gray, Ashley Stewart, Mary Flaherty, Barbara Clark
 - e. Ashley will be leaving us due to relocation. We will miss you, Ashley!
- V. STANDING AGENDA
- VI. OPEN FORUM
- VII. **VOTE:** End meeting
- a. YAY: Laurie Sawyer, Mary Flaherty, Stephanie Gray, Barbara Clark, Jessica Reagan Salzman, and Ashley Stewart

ACTION ITEMS:

- Stephanie will send link to annual report shared doc to council members
- Steve to deliver artwork, framed letter to President Biden, and framed lyrics to “Artsakh” by Serj Tankian to Attleboro High School
- Laurie, Stephanie, and Mary to meet on 5/15 to work on Annual Report

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19 from 6:30-8pm