



ATTLEBORO COUNCIL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Tues, May 12, 2020

Location: Zoom virtual meeting <https://brown.zoom.us/j/96172375449>

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Meeting Type: Council on Human Rights Monthly Meeting - this meeting is open to the public

Attendees: ACHR members Steve Berdos, Barbara Clark, Stanley Estime, Mary Flaherty, Stephanie Gray, Ellen Parker, Laurie Sawyer, chairperson; Guests: Ethan Doyle and Zachary Medeiros, representing AHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

MEETING ITEMS

1. Chairperson Laurie Sawyer opened the meeting
 - a. Welcomed students representing AHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance Ethan and Zachary
 - b. **This was not discussed:** Minutes from last in-person meeting: 2/11/20
 2. Check in with members regarding COVID-19
 - a. Barbara is aware of one incident of discrimination since the pandemic which she spoke about later in the meeting
 3. Reviewed New Business items
 - a. Pride Flag Raising Saturday, June 6 - approved by Mayor. AHS GSA representatives were invited to comment.
 - i.
 - ii. Needs:
 1. Keep social distancing / provide masks
 2. Program
 3. Key to flagpole / Flag
 4. Contact DoubleACS to record
 5. Who should we invite??
- Decisions:
1. Start time: 4:30
 2. Event will be by invitation only and number of invitees will be limited based on guidelines presented by Gov. Baker. ACHR, City Council, Reps Rausch, Feeney, Jim Hawkins, Who else?



3. Will invite recorded messages from invitees who can't attend if livestreaming/recording of the event courtesy of DoubleACS can be arranged.
4. Protective masks will be required by attendees.
5. Will follow current guidelines with respect to social distancing at the event.

Tasks:

1. Develop event program
 2. Establish list of invitees (dependent on state guidelines re crowd size)
 3. Contact DoubleACS re: recording, livestreaming
 4. Bring key and flag to event: Laurie
 5. Secure donations of masks: Barbara
 6. Send invitations: Steve
- b. Complaint of discrimination--Barbara briefly described an incident of discrimination reported to her by a friend who is a person of color and also disabled. The incident, which reportedly took place at a scheduled GATRA bus stop and frightened one of the person's three children, also made the subsequent bus ride uncomfortable for the parent. This person has also perceived discrimination against her by certain bus drivers in the past. The council determined that the Commission on Disability would be the appropriate place to begin. At this time it is not clear that the person would want to file an official report. Member Steve Berdos offered to research how complaints about bus driver behavior can be made.
- c. Affordable Housing Workshop - Mary
- iii. Presenters? Attleboro Housing, Mayor, Pave your Path?
 - iv. To happen after COVID - how will a presentation like this change after COVID (unemployment/layoffs, homelessness increasing)
- b. Officer Nominations -
- i. Which positions will we vote on? Chair or Co-Chair?, Secretary
 - ii. When will nominations take place?
4. Discuss future meetings, topics and guests **Don't recall us doing this**
 5. Open Forum--no one spoke

Next meeting: June 9, 2020 6:30pm (Location TBD)

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Clark