

Meeting Place: Remote

Meeting Called To Order: 6:13, Monday, July 13, 2020

Role Call: Loreen Flockerzie, Maureen Lyons, Tracey Burley, Daniel Yalowitz, Wid Perry, All Present

Audience Members: New HRC Members (pending approval at Wednesday Night July 15 City Council Meeting): Carolyn McDaniel and Kaj Pratt. Also attending: Keith Barnicle, Communications Director, City of Greenfield, and Wendy Robinson, interested Greenfield resident. The Recorder's Anita Fritz was also present for part of the meeting.

June's HRC meeting was cancelled due to due to scheduling/posting of notice of meeting issues.

We were pleased to have Communications Director Keith Barnicle attending the meeting and hope to be able to use him as a liaison within the Mayor's Office. Keith's email is Keith.Barnicle@Greenfield-MA.Gov. Telephone number is 772-1560.

We were excited to welcome our new HRC Members (pending Wednesday Night's City Council approval) : Carolyn McDaniel and Kaj Pratt who attended the meeting.

Also attending was Wendy Robinson, long time resident of the Pioneer Valley, but a new Greenfield resident as of January 2000 and is interested in what the HRC does, expressing an interest in perhaps joining the commission.

A motion was made to approve the May Minutes, seconded and approved.

We followed up on the status of our Awards project. Tracy reported that the Salvation Army captains have left the area. Mo volunteered to check on the status of in person attendance restrictions (40% at the Senior Center?) should we be able to meet in person at some point (with masks, social distancing restrictions, etc.).

The agenda item of “Police Brutality” was discussed, in context of the Black Lives Matter movement. The general discussion shifted to the local Greenfield community and the transparency of the Greenfield Police Department.

There was no issue raised specific to the Greenfield Police Department. It was suggested that we invite the Police Chief to discuss with us general Community Policing goals, communicating with the Police Department, the Community Liaison Officer, and general Police Policies and Procedures, especially concern mental health calls.

Loreen addressed the agenda item of meeting with the Mayor, which Loreen did by phone. Loreen reports that The Mayor is in support of the HRC and wants to be a partner with the Commission. She is (by charter) a (non-voting) member of the commission.

It was suggested that we invite the Mayor to a future meeting to ask about her general philosophy and perspective in an informal conversation (share and reflect) and dialogue. Does she have marching orders for us? What is her vision for the “new” board as we now have eight members (six within the last year).

Loreen discussed mirroring and monitoring the Northampton HRC (especially the educational piece)

The Agenda Item of the Letter to The Editor was raised. The original intent was to publically recruit members to the HRC but now that we have eight of nine seats filled, it was suggested that the theme be changed to HRC awareness. Wid will redraft the letter and send it to the group for feedback/edits.

New Business:

The Officer Slate was presented for the new fiscal year.

Wid Perry was nominated to continue as Secretary. Seconded and approved.

Mo Lyons asked not to re-nominated as Co-Chair. Daniel Yalowitz was nominated as Co-Chair; seconded and approved.

Loreen Flockerzie expressed an interest in continuing as Chair; she was nominated, seconded, and approved.

Keith Barnicle said he would add the missing minutes to the HRC Website. Wid will forward him the minutes of the past meetings.

Potential August Agenda items:

- Awards Update
- Invite Police Chief
- Invite Mayor
- Letter to the Editor

The meeting adjourned at 7:27.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:00 Monday, June 8, 2020, mostly likely Remotely.

We could adjust June's Meeting if the Mayor was interested in meeting with us as a group at a particular time.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:15, made and seconded, all in favor.