

Town of Hamilton
Meeting Minutes

Board/Committee Name: Hamilton Human Rights Commission

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2022

The Human Rights Commission met virtually

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Date of Acceptance: 02-16-2022

Attendees: Maya Beach, Anne Brady, Christina Holz, Jamie Knudsen, Nancy Stehfest, Alaina Walsh.

Absent: Joe Domelowicz, Jared Hughes, Russell Stevens,

Agenda items were taken out of order. For reference purposes the agenda item number is listed in parentheses

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Brady at 5:02 PM

2. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes postponed in order add list of documents reviewed at 12-15-2021 meeting

4. Update on Bystander Training

C. Holz provided update on proposed Bystander Training. A proposal is being reviewed. HWHRC is working on fundraising. A date for the training will be determined. Publicizing event to attract a wide audience will be crucial. A. Brady suggested other resources to explore. J. Knudsen asked about the role HRC would play. The role of the HRC and sponsors are to be determined. C. Holz stated training would be customized to the needs of the community. M. Beach offered ideas on publicizing event.

5. (6) Translation Line Status Update

N.Stehfest offered examples of when translation line would have been helpful at Vaccine Clinic. Town Manager’s Office has reached out to a provider of translation services and is awaiting a response.

6. (7) Universal Free School Meals Sponsorship Request

J. Knudsen presented information on support for legislation to make school lunches free to every student. CEO of Project Bread has written requesting support for legislation. M. Beach and A. Brady provided evidence of need for free lunch program. J.Knudsen will draft a resolution of support for Universal School Meals

Motion: *That the HRC approve a resolution in support of Universal Free School Meals legislation and notify the BOS of the action.*

Made by: J. Knudsen

Seconded by: C. Holz

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

7. (5) Update on Recent Presentation at BOS

J. Knudsen, A. Brady and N. Stehfest provided updates and insights into recent BOS meetings. The BOS has not voted on definition section of the HRC charter document.

Discussion of future presentation to the BOS.

8. Town DEI Issues Discussion (Diversity in the Workplace)

No new updates at this time.

9. New Business

N. Stehfest bought up proposed Patton Park plan design presented at BOS meeting to be discussed at next meeting.

M. Bean recommended update on translation line services.

10. Adjourn

Motion: *To Adjourn (6:01 PM)*

Made by: J. Knudsen

Seconded by: A. Walsh

Result: On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Documents Discussed at Meeting

- Draft Meeting Minutes of 12-15-2021 HRC Meeting

Minutes prepared by: Nancy Stehfest *Respectfully submitted as approved at 02-16-2022 meeting.*
Nancy Stehfest, Clerk