



Cambridge Human Rights Commission
Thursday, June 7, 2012

Present: Commissioners Matthew Barrett, Bonita Cox, Mercedes Evans, Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes, Brendan St. Amant, Caitlin Steirman and Adrian Velazquez; staff members Colleen Johnston and Carmen S. Negrón; Superintendent Christopher Burke

Documents Used: May 2012 minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.

1. Recording of meeting

No one was recording the meeting.

2. Public comment

No members of the public were present for public comment.

3. Review and approval of May minutes

May minutes were unanimously accepted.

4. Updates from subcommittees

- a. **Immigrant Rights:** Chair Gonzalez-Brenes stated that she and Investigator Freark met with the Community Engagement Team (CET) last week and that members of CET would be coming to meet with the subcommittee that evening to discuss partnering on a survey and event to happen in February 2013.
- b. **Rules:** Proposed changes to the rules have been sent to the Law Department for review.
- c. **Schools:** Commissioner Cox stated that the subcommittee has finished its investigation into the schools and wants to put this issue to rest.
- d. **Shelter Survey:** Chair Gonzalez-Brenes stated that she hopes to finish this work soon.

5. Executive Director's report

Executive Director Johnston reported on staff activities and stated that there are currently nine cases under investigation. Executive Director Johnston stated that the Commission is a cosponsor of two upcoming events: a screening of the film Gen Silent on Thursday, June 14th at the main library and a screening of the film Lives Worth Living on Saturday, June 30th at the Senior Center. She reminded Commissioners of MAHRC's June 7th meeting and stated that Commissioner Julian Tynes from MCAD would be attending. She also shared that the Department of Justice will be holding a Civil Rights symposium in Boston on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

6. Summer Scheduling

Executive Director Johnston asked Commissioners about their availability for Commission meetings in the months of July and August. After reviewing availability and preference the Commissioners decided that the full Commission will not reconvene until September though subcommittees may meet over the summer.

7. New business

Commissioners asked that the address list be updated.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The schools and immigrant rights subcommittees met following the adjournment.
Next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.