

Cambridge Human Rights Commission Thursday, January 3, 2013

Present: Commissioners Elaine Angelone, Matthew Barrett, Chanta Bhan, Bonita Cox, Mercedes Evans,

Caitlin Steirman, Brendan St. Amant, and staff members Vali Buland and Mariah Freark. Absent: Commissioners Melissa Gonzalez-Brenes, Randa Shedid and Adrian Velazquez.

Guest: Superintendent Chris Burke.

Documents Used:

• December 2012 minutes

Commissioner Evans called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

1. Call to order

No one was recording the meeting.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for public comment.

3. Review and Approval of December Minutes

The October minutes were unanimously approved, with minor discussed changes. (Vice Chair Evans and Commissioners Angelone, Barrett, Cox, Steirman, and St. Amant; Commission Bhan absent.)

4. Executive Director's Report

Vali Buland, Acting Executive Director, gave the Commissioners an update on the hiring process for the Executive Director position. She also updated the Commissioners about staff activities.

5. Election

Commissioner Cox was nominated for the position of Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Steirman was nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Commission. The nominations were seconded and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission. (Vice Chair Evans and Commissioners Angelone, Barrett, Cox, Steirman, and St. Amant; Commission Bhan absent.)

6. Immigrant Rights Survey Status

Commissioner Steirman updated the Commissioners on her progress inputting the data from the CET survey.

7. Outreach Projects

Investigator Freark informed the Commissioners that she is expecting a schedule from the CLC after January 7, and will inform the Commission of those dates as soon as possible. Commissioner St. Amant asked outreach to other organizations was possible, and Investigator Freark explained that she is working on it.

Commissioner Evans said that in reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, she wanted to follow up on inviting Jim Maloney on behalf of the School Department to an upcoming meeting of the Commission. It was agreed that Acting Executive Director Buland will invite Mr. Maloney to an upcoming Commission meeting on behalf of the Commission.

The Commissioners listed items they would like included on the February agenda. These items were: - review the Immigrant Rights survey

- follow up with Jim Maloneyfollow up on the Secure Communities Ordinance
- follow up on outreach to homeless shelters re: transgender issues
- discussion of possible outreach partners

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. Next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m.