



Cambridge Peace Commission

A Department of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Minutes of the Peace Commission Meeting • December 6, 2017

Commission Members Present: Chair Larry Kim, Georges Atallah, April Crehan, Margot Cronin-Furman, Aboma Dirbaba, Kaza Fraley, Gladys Friedler, Amelia Joselow, Elka Kuhlman, John Ratliff, David Seeman.

City Staff Present: Executive Director Brian Corr and Program Coordinator Crystal Rosa.

Public present: Jonathan King

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Friedler moved to approve the September minutes and Commission Member Dirbaba seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Welcome and Introductions

After Chair Kim welcomed the newly appointed Members, all shared a bit about who they are, and what they are excited about and interested in regarding their involvement with the Peace Commission.

Executive Director's Report

- ED Corr will be helping to lead the interactive conversation hosted by Mending Cambridge on ending sexual harassment and gender-based violence. The hosts are encouraging men to participate and take it on as a men's issue. The event will occur on Wednesday, January 33, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Media Café.
- ED Corr provided a brief history of the Peace Commission explaining its roots in ending nuclear weapons and creating peace education. ED Corr explained the role the Peace Commission with cultivating Sister City relationships. ED Corr also provided details about his vision for Meet Your Neighbor Day and the events that took place on that day. Members of the commission suggested reaching out to community groups for increasing involvement and awareness in 2018.
- Program Coordinator Rosa informed the Commission about events and other projects being completed by the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship and by the Human Rights Commission, such as the Immigration Legal Screening Clinic and Fair Housing Event in April, respectively.

New Business

MLK Day Commemoration and Remembrance Event

The Commemoration is centered on reading the speech by MLK from April 7, 1967. This year the keynote speaker is Paul Parravano, Co-Director of the MIT Office of Government and Community Relations. Lunch is served after the program in the undercroft of the Saint

Peter's Church. Program Coordinator Rosa will be coordinating volunteers for greeters, assistance with lunch setup and breakdown.

- **Peace Commission Retreat**

The Commission and Staff will be attending a retreat to brainstorm the goals for the year from the members' interests. The retreat is being scheduled for Saturday, February 10, from 9 am to 2 pm. The location is yet to be determined.

- **Forum on Nuclear Divestment**

Peace Action has been working to organize a Cambridge forum on nuclear divestment. The forum will discuss institutional divestment and private divestment. It is scheduled for January 27, 2018 at the Main Library. Peace Action is hoping this type of forum will encourage other cities to follow suit.

- **Reminders**

ED Corr reminded the commission to submit their acknowledgements of receipt of the State ethics policy. ED Corr will also provide the commission the open meeting law information for review.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Peace Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 51 Inman St. in the Second Floor Conference Room.