

# Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

September 26th – Banquet Hall- Town Hall – 6:30- 8:00 pm

Co-Chairman Rob Bardell called meeting to order at 6:30.

In attendance at the meeting were:

Lindsay Beal  
Pat Kilty  
Sheila Ryder  
Robert Bardell  
Donna Gaffey  
Raymie Parker

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Guest speakers: Members of the MLK Celebration Committee, Ben Jacques, Becky Jacques, Nydia Mendez

First order of business was to accept August 22nd, 2019 meeting minutes. Pat Kilty moved to accept, Lindsay Beal seconded the motion.

Rob Bardell, Co- Chairman of the HRC introduced our guest speakers Ben Jacques, Becky Jacques and Nydia Mendez. The speakers presented the HRC with information regarding their committee and announcement of their upcoming 2020 event. The members of the MLK committee also shared that they had attended the MAHRC first convening at the State House last year, where they were able to share their mission and excitement of being before the committee.

The group shared their story of how they had evolved and the success of their efforts, a poetry workshop with teens, local Boy Scout Troup participating at last year's MLK Jr. Breakfast, the Troup not only participated but engaged in conversation with seniors at the event. The group welcomed any feedback, suggestions or ideas on how to increase participation at this event.

The group (HRC and MLK Jr committee members) also discussed outreach, importance of opening communication among various groups and how this would enable all of us to grow potential contacts for referrals for each situation you encounter. Holding meetings at other locations such as library and senior center. Discussed also was helping with MLK Jr. Day of service or possibly having the HRC group itself sponsor a day of service.

Discussion continued amongst the group on our mission statement versus goal, keeping it simple. A revised copy of the mission statement was discussed and is being held until more members are in attendance to contribute to its formation.

Next meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Conference Room will have a guest speaker from the Coalition

Motion to adjourn Pat Kilty, Lindsay Beal seconded.

At approximately 7:55 Chair moved to adjourn.