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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

October 8, 2020

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Nancy Salamoun, Staff Liaison, Mgr. of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Lara Versari, Commissioner
Michael Henson, Commissioner

Guests: Andre Green, School Committee
Jessica Boston-Davis, Director of Equity and Excellence
Amy Henson, Volunteer
In Paik, Resident
Stella Carr, Resident
Christopher Spicer Hankle, Resident
Nelson Salazar, Resident
Derrick Rice, Resident

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting commenced on October 8, 2020 at 6:35pm.

Announcements

- The Commission held an Active Bystander Training on October 1, 2020. This training was facilitated by Quabbin Mediation.
- The Commission is actively looking for new membership.

Membership Discussion/ Next Steps Planning

- The Members discussed the recent Active Bystander Training and potential follow-up trainings. These trainings could target specific communities (i.e. Immigrant community) and offering a more advanced training.
- The Members discussed the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. event. This upcoming year, the event will be held virtually. Jessica Boston-Davis from the School Department and Andre Green from the School Committee were in attendance to discuss ideas for the event.
 - This year's theme will be on reflecting history. The question is how are we telling the real legacy of MLK.
 - Student participation
 - Feature leaders and activists from the school
 - Will work with Jessica to identify
 - Teen Empowerment
 - Discussing personal narratives
 - Looking at Somerville's History/Creation of the Human Rights Commission
 - Look at recent history in Somerville
 - BIPOC residents who could speak to the race riots that led to the creation of the HRC
 - Potential footage
 - Additional artists
 - Spoken word artists
 - Lizard Lounge?

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm