

CITY OF REVERE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - Minutes

5:00 pm Eastern Time

Location: City Council Chambers or via Zoom

Monthly Meeting – November 2, 2023

1) Call Meeting to Order

2) Roll Call of Commissioners

- Attorney Molly McGee
- Commissioner Kourou Pich
- Dr. Lourenco Garcia
- Chair Chaimaa Hossaini

3) Commissioners take a moment of silence for the innocent lives that were lost In the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

4) A land acknowledgment was made – Revere is in the land of the Pawtucket and the commissioners encourage any Indigenous People's or First Nation Peoples to join the meetings and conversations

4) Approval of Minutes from the October 5th Monthly Meeting

Molly approves, Kourou seconds

6) Monthly acknowledgements

- November 1st – Start of the Native American and Alaskan Heritage Month
- November 9th – World Freedom Day
- November 11th – Veteran's Day
- November 13th – World Kindness Day
- November 16th – International Day of Tolerance
- November 17th – International Student's Day
- November 20th – Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- November 24th – Black Friday
- November 27th – Cyber Monday

7) Reflection from the Circle

A. Reminder for folks to watch the recording and provide feedback – Provided by Chair Hossaini

Chair Hossaini – Is a lot more informed about why acknowledging Indigenous People's Day is very important on a very deep level and is now more of an advocate for integrating this holiday in the city of Revere. Also, to have it serve as a step forward to provide justice for those who did not get justice before.

Attorney McGee – Looks forward to continuing being involved in circles and looks forward to the circle practice being established in institutions such as the Justice System; hearing and sitting with what people had to say and that changed her thinking moving forward.

Dr. Garcia – has participated in other circles in the past; and helps people better understand and tackle critical issues in our society. Echoes the opinions of Attorney McGee regarding establishing circle practice in other institutions like the school and judicial systems to help make better decisions

Commissioner Pich – Has done circles in the past and is a huge advocate for circles and restorative justice. Has let the public know that there will more come

8) Establishment of a sub-committee for the Revere History Project

a. Presented by Attorney Molly McGee

Attorney McGee presents a motion to establish a subcommittee for the Revere History Project, Commissioner Pich seconds

Chair Hossaini asks Attorney McGee what she would like to see from the commissioner and if there can be any community involvement

Attorney McGee: We have some many interested people on the project; wants the project to revolve around the history behind all the groups that have occupied the city for generations, how the city functioned throughout history, the upbringing and re-upbringing of the HRC.

Mentions that people have reached out to her regarding the project and expressing their interest and their input.

Chair Hossaini follows up by letting people know to reach out to the HRC through the revere.org website or by emailing HRC Director Claudia Correa (not present in meeting). Additionally, she expresses that she would like to be part of this sub-committee.

Dr. Garcia: Expresses that he will be part of the sub-committee; commends Attorney McGee for spearheading this project. He mentions that there are so many things that have been done in the city that have not been documented and must be acknowledged.

Commissioner Pich: Echoes what Dr. Garcia has mentioned and expresses her willingness to be a part of the sub-committee.

8) Other Business

9) Open Forum

10) Adjournment

Kourou motions to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Garcia seconds. All are in favor. The meeting is adjourned.

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