

**Revere Human Rights Commission
Subcommittee on Cultural Holidays & Celebrations
April 22, 2021 - Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting Called to Order by Kathi Reinstein

2. Roll Call of SubCommittee Members:

- Present: Janine Marra (HRC Chair) Chaimaa Hossaini (HRC Vice Chair), Jalon Fowler, Kathi Reinstein (Subcommittee Chair)
- Absent: Dr Lourenço Garcia, Kourou Pich

3. Submissions in between Meetings:

- HRC Chair Marra raised the point of concern for anyone who submitted an event to the calendar in between meetings of the Subcommittee or the HRC as a whole. Suggested an easy remedy to this was to give the Chair of the subcommittee the power to approve these rare occasions as needed and do this in conjunction with City staff, Reuben Kantor. ***The Motion was Made by Janine Marra and Seconded by Jalon Fowler. Approved Unanimously.***

4. Calendar Submissions for Approval:

- The following was submitted to calendar pending approval:
 - i. Spring Equinox: Saturday, March 20, 2021
 - ii. Holocaust Remembrance Day: Thursday, April 8, 2021
 - iii. Revere Gay Pride Flag Raising: Monday, June 7, 2021
 - iv. Summer Solstice: Monday, June 21, 2021
 - v. Fall Equinox: Wednesday, September 22, 2021
 - vi. Winter Solstice: Tuesday, December 21, 2021
- Reinstein entered months May-September 2021 into the City's Cultural and Awareness Calendar from the spreadsheet modeled after the Diversity Awareness calendar which included examples of cultural, religious, awareness days. Spreadsheet is attached.
- Jalon Fowler offered the point that Eid ul-Fitr is the end of Ramadan (Thursday, May 13, 2021) and that we should list that as so. She also mentioned Eid al-Adha which is on July 20, 2021. These are also reflected in the attached spreadsheet.
- Chair Marra suggested that Kathi Reinstein screen share the spreadsheet events/dates to review, including the rest of the year (Oct.-Dec. 2021), and approve the additions of all these tonight.
- Reinstein shared her screen and read aloud all the submitted dates listed including October- December of 2021. These are also reflected in the attached spreadsheet.

- Reuben was then asked if there was a mechanism to have those Holidays/Awareness/Celebrations, whose days/times were the same every year to recur in the calendar, year after year. Reuben said the calendar can do that.
- ***A motion was made by Jalon Fowler to Approve all of the events (previously listed in the minutes and listed on the spreadsheet). Chaimaa Hossaini seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.***

5. Other Business

- Janine Marra discussed that one task of the subcommittee was to showcase awareness (referring to a past meeting that Dr. Garcia suggested possible HRC website additions, etc.).
- Chaimaa Hossaini referred to last meeting's discussion of doing more than banners and that we should be more interactive with the city, connecting to all facets of the community.
- It was raised that not only can/will we collaborate with other city departments to support them with any events, but also, we should be sensitive to not confuse or duplicate efforts if things are happening in the community already.
- Reuben reminded the subcommittee that this would be part of the duties that an Executive Director would have once she/he is selected. It was agreed that this was something we could wait on until an Executive Director is chosen.

6. Adjournment

- Kathi Reinstein thanked everyone for the thoughtful and respectful dialogue, for their input and attendance, and thanked Reuben Kantor for all his assistance. She then entertained a motion to adjourn.
- ***Jalon Fowler made a Motion to adjourn. Chaimaa Hossaini Seconded that motion. Unanimously approved.***

Please see Spreadsheet of Calendars/Awareness/Events for 2021