



CITY OF MELROSE
MELROSE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES ● OCTOBER 12, 2022

Cassidy Conference Room, Melrose City Hall
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Regular Meeting

7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Linda Apple	Commissioner	Present	
Tesfay Aradom	Commissioner	Present	
Randall Carter	Commissioner	Present	
Jennifer Champagne	Commissioner	Present	
Bonnie Clapp	Treasurer	Present	
Doug DiBrielle	Commissioner	Present	
Jaron Green	* Vice Chair	Absent	
Joseph Phillips	Commissioner	Present	
Mike Stankavish	Chair	Present	
Jennifer Strasburger	Secretary	Present	
Fatma Ulku Duru	Commissioner	Present	
Lizbeth DeSelm	School Committee Liaison	Absent	
Rev. Dr. Suzanne Intriligator	Clergy Liaison	Absent	
Manjula Karamcheti	City Council Liaison	Absent	

Meeting convened at 7:00pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one in attendance, voted to close, approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Report by Bonnie Clapp.

IV. Announcements

Dance for Humanity Recap: Success! Police volunteers, diverse crowd, lots of people who Joe reached out to were there, DJ Fritz, lots of community engagement, lots of joy and connection.

*Vice Chair Jaron Green notified Chair Mike Stankavish today of resignation.

V. Set Event Calendar

January (1/16/23) – MLK Day of Service (Bonnie & Tesfay)

March (TBD) – Potluck (Randall & Jen S.) at Lincoln

March (3/25/23) – Bridge Trivia Bee

March (3/31/23) – Transgender Day of Visibility

April (3/31/23; 4/1/23; 4/14/23; or 4/15/23) – Iftar (Fatma & Linda) at Memorial Hall
May (5/20/23ish) – Dance for Community (Joe & ____)
June (6/9/23 main event) – Pride (Jenn & Doug)
June (6/19/23) – Juneteenth (Joe & ____)
June (?) – GEM Graduation
September (9/10/23ish) – Victorian Fair
October – Indigenous People’s Day (recommend co-sponsor with another city)
October – MAAV Walk
November (11/12/23) – Diwali

VI. New Business

Discussion about re-focusing our mission.
Jenn C. to write two Melrose Cultural Commission Council Grants.
Linda A – potential to partner with DA’s office (Mary Ryan) to host trainings.
Onboarding – 11/2/22 at 6pm (closed)

VII. Elections

Moved, seconded, and approved.
Chair – Bonnie Clapp
Vice Chair – Jenn Champagne
Secretary – Doug DiBrielle
Treasurer – Jen Strasburger
(Social Media - Jen Strasburger & Fatma Ulku Duru)

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Melrose Human Rights Commission is November 9, 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Doug DiBrielle, Commission Secretary (after October 12, 2022).