

## Laconia Human Relations Committee

### July 12, 2021 - Meeting Minutes

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

David Stamps welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Laconia Human Relations Committee. Committee member roll call was taken, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

#### II. ATTENDANCE

Present – Chair David Stamps, Carol Pierce, Rev. Judith Wright, David Osman, Matt Soza, Trish Weatherbee, Kay Anderson and Carrie Chandler

Present via Zoom – Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Margaret Donnelly, Kate Bruchacova and Seifu Ragassa

Excused – Janet Simmon

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

Homeless Taskforce - No further updates.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

LHRC Facebook Account - Former LHRC member Len Campbell is retiring from Catholic Charities. He has been acting Facebook administrator. Margaret Donnelly graciously volunteered to take over this role and post notices related to the committee's work. **A motion was made by Matt Soza, seconded by David Osman, to appoint Margaret as Facebook admin and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.**

New Member - Seifu Ragassa was introduced and welcomed by the committee as a new member.

Public Forum on Holocaust and Genocide Education – The forum comprising of four panelists who are members of the NH Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7p at the Belknap Mill. The panelists are:

- Tom White – Educational Outreach Coordinator of the Cohen Center
- Jay Kahn – State senator and Commission Chair
- Kati Preston – Holocaust survivor and Commission Vice-Chair
- Ashley Harbel – High School educator and Holocaust scholar

**A motion was made by Carol Pierce, seconded by David Osman, to provide each panelist with an honorarium of \$300. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.** Four ads will run

in the Daily Sun on 7/16, 7/17, 7/20 & 7/21. **A motion was made by Carol Pierce, seconded by Andrew Hosmer, to allocate a total of \$500 towards the four ¼ page ads. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.** The forum will be streamed on You-Tube and taped for Public Access TV. Light refreshments will be provided by Annie’s Catering. **A motion was made by David Osman, seconded by Matt Soza, to hire Annie’s not to exceed \$400. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.** There will be opportunity for Q&A. A flyer will be created. The paper will run a follow up story. We are grateful to the Belknap Mill for donating the venue. Copies of our committee’s mission will be made available.

“Democracy in Action” Forum – planning for this at the August committee meeting for September. We will do this one and ask for feedback for future forums.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no one present for public comment.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46p by the Chair.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9th, 2021, 3:30p via Zoom invite.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Chandler,  
Recording Secretary