

MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Date | time Thursday June 17, 2021 | *Meeting called to order by* Ritu Goel at 5:00

Roll Call

Members Present: Ritu Goel, Anitha Elango, Beena Pandit, Karell Rose, Charlie Margolise, Christy Shaher, Linda Jeski. **Guests:** Valli Pendyala, Andrew Paterna **Absent:** Carolyn Carey, Erica Evans, Stephanie Weintraub

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 15, 2021 were not approved as all the commissioners had not read them.

Agenda

- Public Input
 - Virtual Guest, Valli Pendyala of Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) spoke about the upcoming flag ceremony
 - She updated us on positive changes in our last SAGA event – They have a designated bathroom now
 - Wants to have a flag ceremony with a more inclusive flag
 - Spoke about us working with them on another SAGA event in December, she is going to come up with some ideas for what they want to do and we plan to work with them
 - Let me know if you have anything to add to the agenda otherwise the agenda will be going to the Town managers office.
- Poetry Day -- Charlie gave an update on the Poetry in the Parks series (Manchester, Vernon & South Windsor) celebrating Coming out of Covid
 - The first event takes place in Manchester: Sunday, July 25. 6:30-8:00 pm at Work Space Art Gallery, 903 Main Street
 - The second program is in Vernon: Sunday, August 8, 2:00-3:30 pm at Henry Park
 - The third program is in South Windsor: Sunday, August 22, 2:00-3:30 pm, at Nevers Park. Poet Laurette – April 28th – Charlie is setting up with poets from different towns
- International Day of Peace
 - Discussed different ideas for this year's event: Farmers Market, Some kind of Peace Flag raising ceremony, and the possibility of coordinating something with Indigenous Peoples Day
- Ritu proposed switching July meeting with an August meeting to plan/prepare for International Day of Peace. No July meeting. New meeting will be on August 19th, 7:00pm

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:55, seconded and was passed unanimously.