

**Human Rights Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, March 9, 2009 Room 310B City Hall**

Present: Cheryl Pope, Chair; Eduardo Rivera, Vice Chair; Kathy Gervais, Maria Florez, Edward Robinson, Mable Millner; Fran Manocchio, staff

Guest: Jesse Pack, AIDS Project Worcester and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Caucus, 2 members of the public

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Cheryl Pope.

1. Fran Manocchio introduced Jesse Pack, guest speaker. Over the past nine months, we have received complaints presented an overview of concerns and issues for the transgender community. Jesse provided information regarding resources in the Worcester area.
2. Human Rights Commission Membership: Sean Rose resigned from the Commission due to family and work obligations. With regret, the Commission accepted his resignation. Fran reported that the Citizens Advisory Council met on March 12, 2009; two applicants were present for the Human Rights Commission. We now have three openings.
3. Action Items:
 - a. Work Plan for Boston Marathon: See attached.
 - b. "What To Do When Stopped By The Police" Fran Manocchio and Hannah Caruso, intern, will meet with members of the Worcester Police Department Bureau of Professional Standards tomorrow to review the draft. The plan is to translate the card into Spanish, Vietnamese, Albanian and Portuguese and conduct community meetings.
4. Director's Report: Fran Manocchio and Jay Gardiner, Commissioner for the Department of Health & Human Services met with State Sen. Michael Moore earlier today. Sen. Moore replaced State Sen. Edward Augustus, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Manocchio
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