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**City of Worcester
Human Rights Commission**

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Ike McBride

Monthly Meeting – Monday May 2nd, 2016, 6pm
City Hall, 455 Main St., Worcester, MA

Members Present: Cara Berg Powers, Ike McBride, Robyn Kennedy, Shawna Curran and Aaron Richman

Members Absent: Izaida Gonzalez, Sean Lauziere, and Lillie Williams

Staff: Eric D. Batista

Guests: Community Legal Aid, Attorney Maureen St. Cyr

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was established and Human Rights Commission Chair, Aaron Richman, called the meeting to order at 6:25pm. The Chair welcomed the Commissioners. Everyone introduced himself or herself.
2. **Approval of April 4th, 2016 minutes:** Unanimously approved as written.

3. **Old Business**

A. Discussion of WPD BOPS

Aaron began discussion on the previous reports presented by the WPD BOPS Division. The Commission was appreciative of WPD for wanting to meet and work together on the reporting process but recognized there are areas of improvement. Reporting is not sufficient and a further review of previous notes, questions about reporting, and framework will need to further discussions tom improve process.

Key take-aways:

1. It was suggested to actively work together as a commission in between meetings on the process of reporting for a more comprehensive solution.
2. Commission members to research best practices and/or national models from other cities.

Next steps:

1. Request a data analyst from WPD to attend and present at the next meeting.
2. Shawna will email an updated format to the annual report.

Announcement:

Eric passed out flyers for the Worcester Historical Museum 50 Choices campaign, where they are seeking the community to submit items that represent themselves, family, and Worcester; these will be displayed in the museum.



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4. Commissioners' reports- none at this time

5. Location of next meeting (June 6th, 2016): Worcester City Hall, 455 Main St., Esther Howland Chamber

6. Public comment (incorporated at time of discussion on item 3A)

7. Adjournment at 8:00pm