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**City of Worcester
Human Rights Commission**

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Monthly Meeting – Monday June 6th, 2016, 6pm
City Hall, 455 Main St., Worcester, MA

Members Present: Shawna Curran, Aaron Richman, Izaida Gonzalez, Sean Lauziere, and Lillian Chukwurah

Members Absent: Robyn Kennedy, Lillie Williams, Ike McBride, and Cara Berg Powers

Staff: Eric D. Batista

Guests: Lt. Richard Bates, WPD LGBTQ Liaison

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was established and Human Rights Commission Chair, Aaron Richman, called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. The Chair welcomed the Commissioners. Everyone introduced himself or herself.

2. **Approval of May 2nd, 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 new commission member was updated on the previous discussions regarding the recommended strategies and updates. It was discussed to meet separately with the BOPS Division with a small group, which provided a more fluid discussion on proposed strategies. Three individuals were identified (Sean, Shawna, Aaron) with potentially adding a fourth.

B. WPD Community LGBTQ Liaison

Lt. Bates provided an update to the Commission of his recent outreach and training activities as the Worcester Police Department's Community Liaison to the LGBTQ community.

C. Strategic Planning FY17

Aaron presented the idea of being proactive with scheduling and coordinating of events held by the Commission, including the attendance of the events. The idea of developing a calendar of events was presented, because it will help to keep the Commission informed, aware of places to be, and engaged.

Key take-aways:

1. It was encouraged for all members to attend neighborhood meetings.



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2. Include annual report in the calendar for May.
3. Begin planning the Award Ceremony next commission meeting, and consider sending out nominations as early as possible.

Next steps:

1. Create a tool for sharing tasks among members.
2. Register for the Pride parade as soon as possible.

4. Commissioners' reports- none at this time

5. Location of next meeting (July 11th, 2016): Worcester City Hall, 455 Main St., Esther Howland Chamber

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

7. Adjournment at 7:58pm