

DANVERS HUMAN RIGHTS & INCLUSION COMMITTEE
MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2019

Present: Dutrochet Djoko, David Mills, Donna Hopkins, Jorge Sanchez-Salazar, Bill Graham & Bob Gamer

Guests: Lyla Herrod (Danvers Cares), Deborah Gesualdo , Jen Breaker, Eileen Page

Jen introduced Eileen to the committee. Eileen will be the new liaison from the town.

The first item discussed was the change of Columbus Day. Deborah is lobbyist to the state legislature and strongly recommended people to write letters, send emails, phone calls, etc. Dee has been in touch with town leadership and January 21st is the best date for us to make a presentation to the Selectman.

The next topic was the Martin Luther King vote. Discussion began with the need for more inclusive. Donna and Bill shared that at the MLK planning session, it was decided to alternate musical presentation, with speakers giving a brief sharing of a story. Work will continue on lining up speakers to represent various groups. Jorge and Dee had agreed to speak.

The flag policy is still being worked on.

The Menorah lighting is set for December 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Danvers Library Pavilion. Lights for Chanukah need to be put on after sundown each of the eight days. Donna will do the 24th and 25th. Dee will check with Jan about other days.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.