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**City of Worcester
Human Rights Commission**

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Robyn Kennedy
Edward G. Robinson
Tracey Weeden

**Monthly Meeting Summary – Monday, February 4th, 2019, 6pm
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber, 4th Floor, 455 Main St., Worcester, MA**

Members present: Aaron Richman, Elizabeth O'Callahan, Edward Robinson, Tracey Weeden, Robyn Kennedy, Jacqueline Yang, Lilian Chukwurah

Staff: Jayna Turcek

1. Call to order and introductions

A quorum was established and Chairperson Richman officially called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm. Commissioners introduced themselves. The Chairperson welcomed the Commissioners and those present.

2. Approval of January 7th, 2019 meeting minutes

- Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve. Commissioner Weeden seconded.
- Motion passed with all in favor

3. Old Business:

A. Planning for Eleanor Hawley Human Rights Award (Saturday February 23rd, 2019)

Selection of awardee

- 5 nominations were received for this award cycle
- Commissioners ranked and voted for each nominee, with two nominees receiving equal votes.
- After a run-off, Commissioners selected Al Green, Director of Ministry, Lgbt Asylum Task Force Hadwen Park Church

Award program

- Commissioner Weeden facilitated conversation about the details of the award ceremony
- Chairperson Richman will be sure to thank Cafe Reyes
- Prior to Ceremony:
 - Vice Chairperson Yang will be at registration table
 - Clerk O'Callahan will be inside to assist people to their tables
- Mayoral Proclamation
 - Bill Coleman offered advice as to the wording and process for the mayoral proclamation
 - Chairperson Richman and Director Turcek will work on together



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- Mr. Coleman also recommended investigating the possibility of using a projector to display a video of tribute to Eleanor Hawley
- Additional notes:
- Notes on order of activities:
 - 10:15 Maritza welcomes everyone to space
 - Chris Robarge of ACLU will speak
 - Clerk O'Callahan will facilitate activity, then introduce Chairperson Richman
 - Chairperson Richman will then introduce Claudia Quintero
 - Claudia Quintero will speak for a few minutes and introduce keynote, Debbie Hutchinson
 - Keynote
 - Vice Chairperson Yang will thank participants for attending in closing remarks

B. Update on survey of community meetings

Clerk O'Callahan gave a brief update on the remaining meetings to be surveyed and discussed next steps

- Data from Neighborhood Watch Meeting Surveys is anticipated to:
 - Allow successes for individual NWM to be replicated and standardized
 - Inform Additional Opportunities for HRC support
 - Inform Additional Dialogue with the WPD
 - Inform Rationale for HRC Recommendations

C. Follow up discussion on Worcester Tree Initiative Environmental Justice concerns

See minutes from 10/15/2018

- Tabled for future meeting allowing for adequate discussion time

D. Discussion of support for Model Ordinance for Community Control Over Police Surveillance (CCOPS)

- See minutes from 8/16/2018 & 1/7/2019 for prior discussion on the proposed CCOPS Ordinance
- After a brief discussion, commissioners decided to wait to see the final wording on the proposed ordinance before signing on support

4. Next meeting (March 4th, 2019): City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber

- St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 10th
- Line up in front of Applebee's at 11:30

5. Adjournment at 8:07 PM