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**Meeting Summary for May 5th, 2014**  
Worcester City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber

**Members Present:** Harry Danso, Edward G. Robinson, Barbara Zerillo, Kathleen Gervais, Cara Berg Powers, Julie Feeney

**Members Absent:** Edward Kwiyp, Eduardo Rivera, Jeremy Fontain

**Staff:** Jayna Turchek

1. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
2. **Introductions.** Harry volunteered to stand in as the Clerk and take minutes today.
3. **Approval of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Minutes:** minutes were unanimously approved with two edits.
4. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Youth Essay and Poster Contest** was tabled because Jeremy was absent, but he was to have prepared a draft.
  - b. **Championing a Cause** – We have spoken about the Championing issue many times but nothing has been done so far. All the commission members should come up with an idea at our next meeting. Barbara would like for each member to brain storm ideas. Cara thinks each person should come up with something they would like to do.
5. **MA Youth LGBTQ Commission Meeting:** The Human Rights Commission will co-host (along with the MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University) the monthly MA Youth LGBTQ Commission meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. A meet and greet will take place from 5-6pm.



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- 6. Summer outreach and tabling activities:** The City of Worcester will have an Out-to Lunch concert series in the Common from June through August on every Thursday from noon to 2:00pm. The Human Rights Commission will support this event. There will be a table with an effort to educate people to know their rights. There was a discussion of creating an activity, example- a know your rights trivia and community mapping project.
- 7. Commissioners Reports:** Kathy attended the Stand Against Racism event at City Hall along with Edward Robinson. Cara is organizing a Women Together door knocking to find out residents' concerns about youth violence in connection with the Youth Violence Prevention Meeting (Part 2). She is also working with Youth Center youth on 5 public service announcements. Cara also shared that the Youth Center will be hosting an event on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am to have adults take the PARCC Pilot Test (this is the test that goes with Common Core and that is replacing MCAS).
- 8.** The next meeting will take place June 2<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall.
- 9.** No Public Comments
- 10.** The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.