

Worcester Human Rights Commission

Eleanor Hawley Awards Dinner Sub-committee meeting

Sunday August 19, 2012, 4pm

Holy Cross Hogan Campus Center Room 109

AGENDA

Meeting was convened at 4:15pm

Introductions:

Present: Mable Milner, Harry Danso, Cara Berg Powers, Jayna Turchek

Overview of 2010 Event

Cara Berg Powers presented the subcommittee with the agenda from the 2010 event and associated materials, including the 2010 nomination form for the Eleanor Hawley Award and the nomination review forms for the Human Rights Committee to rank nominations.

Subcommittee agreed that format should stay essentially the same, with modifications for date, time and location.

Finalize Theme

Cara Berg Powers suggests Human Rights themed centerpieces

Mable Milner asks how we can incorporate youth component, also suggests we invite all past Commissioners, Directors

Cara Berg Powers notes that Commission is 40 years old (note: actually, 41 years old, commission anniversary was in 2011).

To engage youth component, we will establish/reestablish Thurgood Marshall Essay Contest for middle and high school aged youth. We'll need to outreach via community organizations, schools, Mayor's Youth Council and Youth for District 4 (Y4D4). Looking into doing an online application for both adult nominations and youth essay contest, in addition to send hard copy information to potential partners.

Potential Location

Cara will check to see if Worcester Youth Center and/or Boys and Girls Club is available.

Harry says that there is an African Youth Award happening at Coral Seafood on Saturday and the organization hosting may be a good organization to engage in Hawley Awards.

Process for honorees

We need to add theme information to introduction letter.

Agreed to keep same basic format for information and format as years passed

Nominations will be due October 12th to be reviewed and approved at November HRC meeting

Potential Entertainment

Can we do a presentation about what 40 years of Human Rights has meant to the city?

Check on website for history, there may also be information from the 2008 Hawley Award program

Slideshow

We need to provide information and context about Thurgood Marshall for essay contest. Include information about Brown v. Board, other work for equity and social justice. Mable suggests we can connect his work when we was young in some way to the youth component of the contest.

Question, something like: Thurgood Marshall did... as a young person and went on to... How can his example inspire you to help solve the Human Rights issues of Worcester today and in your generation?

Program:

Introduction from Mayor Petty, Lieutenant Governor Murray or Congressman McGovern

Slideshow

Recognize commissioners or directors of past and present

Hawley Award

Youth Video

Youth Awards

Closing by member of Mayor's Youth Council or Y4D4

Next steps

- Cara will draft Thurgood Marshall Essay Contest call for submissions
- Cara will check venue availability
- Harry will talk to restaurants about donations
- Jayna will update packet and introduction letter
- Everyone will go through their contacts to create list of people who should receive packet and save the date. Send Jayna that information.

Adjourned at 5:35



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City Manager

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Sunday August 19th, 2012
4 PM**

**Location: College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Center, Conference Room 109
1 College Street, Worcester, MA 01610**

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1. Introductions
2. Overview of 2010 Hawley Awards
3. Finalize Theme
4. Potential Locations
5. Process for honorees:
 - a)Application/nomination
 - b)Letter to go along with
 - c)Outreach plan
6. Potential Entertainment
7. Next Steps

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