City of Revere Human Rights Commission

October 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Fire Chief Chris Bright started the meeting by announcing that the Mayor had requested that he serve as Chair Pro Tempore until the commission members were able to elect a chair. That election would be held once all members were confirmed by the Revere City Council.

Chair Bright started the first meeting asking Chief Innovation Officer Reuben Kantor to kick off the meeting with a Racial Equity Data presentation. Noah Coolidge from the Heller School at Brandeis, who showed a number of slides showing a presentation entitled "Racial Equity in Revere: A Data-Informed Analysis".

Reuben Kantor announced that all slides will be made available to Commission Members and the public in the coming days.

Following the data presentation, Chief Bright asked all Commission Members to introduce themselves to one another. All members and members pending confirmation spent several minutes with a brief introduction and discussing their interest in this commission.

Mayor Brian Arrigo joined the meeting near the end to express the importance of this work, and his commitment to support the commission when and as needed.

Chair Bright concluded the meeting noting that in future meetings the commission would need to select a chair and work together on a commission mission statement. The chair asked Reuben Kantor to send around information to all commission members to be able to schedule future meetings, and with a link to the original HRC ordinance.

After that, Chief Bright closed the meeting.