



Somerville Human Rights Commission
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 April 11, 2011

The monthly public meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at 6:30pm at SCALE in the TAB at 167 Holland Street (basement level, room #103). Attending meeting participants: Ashraf Hegazy, Barry Rafkind, John Robinson (by phone) and Sonja Darai.

1) Decisions

- o The HRC will discuss the Moccia/Mirza case at the HRC monthly meeting on May 9.

2) Director’s Report on Cases

- o Moccia/Mirza case: the investigator submitted the report. It was distributed to the City Solicitor, the Middlesex County District Attorney, the complainant’s attorney, the respondent’s attorney, a Somerville Journal reporter, and the commissioners.
- o Resident Support: one complaint has been brought forward regarding Citizen’s Bank branch window service at Stop and Shop. Questions raised about which commission has appropriate authority and purview on cases involving disability rights was discussed including what powers does the Commission for People with Disabilities hold and what can they do to take up complaints.

3) Old Business

- o “Somerville HRC Conversations Series”: The following dates are the planned activities for the “Somerville HRC Conversations Series”:

Date	Topic	Activity with Sponsors
April	LGBT Hate Language in Youth and Adults	TV “Voices of Somerville” (Raffi & Sonja)
April	Racism and Classism	“The Painter”, a play by John Shea with facilitated discussion afterwards April 29 at 8pm at Unity Church (6 William Street on the corner of College Ave; right down the street from Davis Sq.)
May	Nepali Community Review of Hate Language	Library Workshop in Nepali language (Nisha Gurung & Sonja)
Sept	Capstone Event of HRC Conversations Series	Series Conclusion (Whole HRC & Sonja)



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- HRC Applications: Increase recruitment activities re-submit applications need re-appointments

4) Sponsorships

- HRC approved sponsorship of Al Jazeera English at SCAT.

5) Planned May 2011 Monthly Meeting Agenda

The participants planned the agenda for next meeting to be held on May 9.

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The agenda is:

1. Director's Report on Cases
2. Immigrant Police Dialogue Session Updates
3. Update on Applications & Recruitment
4. Old Business
 - Somerville Conversations Series Update
 - Applications and Recruitment
5. New Business
6. Plan Agenda for June 13 Monthly HRC Meeting

The next monthly public meetings of the Human Rights Commission will be at 6:30pm on June 13 and July 11 at SCALE in the TAB at 167 Holland Street (basement level, room #103).



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