

# **Pittsfield Human Rights Commission**

## **Agenda for August 19th, 2019**

**6 pm, Council Chambers, Pittsfield City Hall, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA**

- 1. Call to Order – Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law chapter 30A, section 20, all attendees are hereby informed that a video and audio recording is being made of this meeting. If you need a hearing assistance device, they are available in the media room down the hall.**
- 2. Roll call of HRC members**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of June 3rd 2019 meeting**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Presentation to HRC by CJ Hoss, City Planner, and Justine Dodds, Community Development, on Tyler Street project**
- 6. Unfinished Business – Continued discussion of mission and function of HRC, including but not limited to possible resolutions adopted by the HRC, possible recommendations to the City Council, possible proclamations requested from mayor, and the issue of the release of personal information of HRC members**
  - consider adopting positive statement of human rights, based on United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
  - Consider meeting with members of other city boards and Commissions – info from City Solicitor**
- 7. HRC election of officers**
- 8. New Business – Resolution: The City of Pittsfield's Human Rights Commission condemns the white supremacist ideologies that are fanning the flames of domestic terrorism. Every human being has the right to enjoy freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom from fear, and freedom from want.**
  - Discuss response to Blumin complaints**
  - Restorative Justice presentation with Bryan House from DA's office**
  - Free speech / Hate speech presentation with Cara Henderson, DOJ**
  - Recruit new HRC members**
  - Schedule next HRC meeting – September 16th?**
- 9. Reports of Commissioners**
- 10. Adjournment**

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