

**CITY OF LACONIA – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**January 12, 2021 - Monthly Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. David Stamps welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Laconia Human Relations Committee. Committee member roll call was taken, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. The Chair reviewed procedures related to public access to electronic meetings as required under Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order #12.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

- a. Present - Chair David Stamps, Carol Pierce, Rev. Judith Wright, David Osman, Janet Simmon, Matt Soza, Margaret Donnelly
- b. Excused –Carrie Chandler & Kate Bruchacova
- c. The chair Dennis Bothamley was stepping down for personal reasons

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIALS - deferred**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **MLK Celebration**

The Committee unanimously supported the Op Ed in the Laconia Daily Sun. The Chair reported that there would be a celebration via Zoom consisting of the traditional playing of the “I Have A Dream Speech” and a panel & community discussion.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The Committee unanimously agreed to spend \$195 for a 3-day ad in the Sun about the MLK celebration
- b. The Committee discussed the Community Engagement Program developed by Margaret and unanimously agreed to endorse it as model for engaging the community.

**Other business** – The Committee agreed to change their Procedures regarding meeting frequency from quarterly to monthly.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public were invited to offer their opinions several offered comments.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rev. Judith Wright, seconded by David Osman, to adjourn the meeting; and with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00p by the Chair.

*Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 3p, via Zoom.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Stamps, chair