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**Belmont Human Rights Commission Meeting**  
**Belmont Town Hall**  
**May 5, 2011**  
**Meeting minutes**

**Members in attendance:** Lisa Bernt, Carl Brauer, Julie Cicalese, Nan Donald, Chuck Laverty, Regina O'Brien, Paul Solomon, Connie Williams, Fran Yuan (presiding).

**Members absent:** None.

**Liaisons in attendance:** Capt. Peter Hoerr (Police Department); Kathryn Bonfiglio (Belmont Against Racism).

Meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from April 2011 meeting approved.
2. Phone line: Paul Solomon reported on 3 calls to the phone line. Two calls by same individual came in on May 2 and May 5. Caller wanted information on Gay/Straight Alliance, the upcoming Freedom to Marry Ice Cream Social, and time/date of upcoming HRC meeting. Another call came in on May 5; probably a wrong number, but Nan Donald will doublecheck.
3. MAHRC Update: Lisa Bernt reported on the March MAHRC meeting, during which Centro Presente presented their opposition to the federal Secure Communities Program. General discussion of questions concerning Secure Communities, its supporters and opponents can be found in an article on WBUR's website: "Clash Over Secure Communities Brings Immigration Debate to Mass." [www.wbur.org](http://www.wbur.org)
4. Town Day, May 21, plans were finalized (staffing, posters, sponsorship by Patou, flyers, sign-up sheet, etc.) HRC will share a table with Benton Library.
5. Discussion of HRC website, and making it more user friendly. Fran will look into making contact information easier to find.
6. HRC will show film "Rolling" at Beech Street Center on May 31 at 1 p.m. There will be a discussion afterward.
7. Belmont Media Center will be interviewing Fran Yuan on May 6 about the HRC.
8. Upcoming meetings: HRC's first meeting in the fall will be September 8, 2011. Discussion of possible joint meeting with Belmont Against Racism in the fall; date to be determined. Discussion of possible off-site meetings (e.g., follow up meeting at Waverley Woods); dates and specific venues to be determined.
9. Membership: several members' terms are expiring in June; vacancies will be publicized.
10. Freedom to Marry Ice Cream Social will be Tuesday, May 17, 5-7 on Town Green, Concord Avenue. HRC is co-sponsor.
11. Liaison Report: Cpt. Hoerr reported that a church whose neighbors in past years had lodged noise complaints during its celebrations will be having its annual jubilee this June. Kathryn Bonfiglio reports that BAR is participating in Mother's Day Annual Peace March

in Boston the morning of May 8; BAR's annual meeting is May 12, 6:30-8:30 at Burbank School.

12. Nan Donald will write article on history of HRC.
13. Next meeting: June 2 at 7 p.m. Meeting will include out-going members and as many new members as possible, as well as community members to be invited to discuss possible future initiatives. At next MAHRC, Lisa will extend invitation to representatives from other communities' commissions to attend.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.