

**ONEONTA, NEW YORK - MARCH 25, 2013, -- 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**PRESENT:** Chair Joyce Miller  
Commissioner Teresa Sivers  
Commissioner Tom Kelly  
Commissioner Cecilia Zapata  
Commissioner Muga Katoke  
Council Member Russ Southard  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Fida Mohammad

Chair Miller called the regular meeting to order and called the roll.

**PETITIONERS**

Mayor Miller was present and requested that the Commission go into executive session so that he could inform the Commission of a matter involving NUPHLO. Request was granted. After Mayor Miller's presentation and answering of questions, the Commission ended the executive session and resumed the regular meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Miller reported there was no correspondence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Miller reported that she did not have any announcements to make.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Sivers and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2013 be approved.

**Voting Ayes:** Chair Miller  
Commissioner Sivers  
Commissioner Kelly  
Commissioner Zapata  
Commissioner Katoke

**Voting Noes:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Mohammad

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Trailblazer Award** - The Commission considered the three nominations that were submitted. After discussion, it was unanimously decided to have **two** winners this year: Sarah Patterson in the area of Career Achievement & Community Service and High School Senior, Charlotte McKane in the area of Young Leader & Community Service. The Award Presentation will precede the Regular Meeting of the Common Council on April 16 at 6:30. Chair Miller will have City Clerk Jim Koury send out a press release ahead of time. It was also suggested that the Commission strive to have a Young Leader awarded each year and that the High School be contacted about nominating such a person.

**Educational Opportunities -**

Commissioner Kelly reported on Safe Space training that will be held at Hartwick College on April 6, 2013 from 9:30 - 12:00 or 1 - 4:30. The training will build awareness of the issues affecting LGBTQ persons as well as providing training to develop skills for

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allies. The contact person is Taralyn Loewenguth, Hartwick College Director of Wellness Education and Social Issues. Chair Miller will contact Mike Long or Kathy Wolverton at City Hall to see if any City Police or Fire Fighters would be interested in the training for professional development. Chair Miller will also contact PFLAG.

Commissioner Kelly also reported that Hartwick Identity Alliance will be holding 3 events in April: Tie Die Day - an awareness program; Movie "Stone Wall Uprising" followed by discussion; and Movie "Some Like it Hot" followed by discussion. Commissioner Kelly handed out fliers that can be distributed.

Chair Miller reported that she has not yet heard back from Melissa Fallon at SUNY Oneonta on whether she can hold Safe Space trainings for the Community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Miller duly adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

JRK/jm