



CITY OF SOMERVILLE
RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
SOMERVILLE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Meeting Minutes
Approved on July 15, 2025

Attendees:

City Staff:

Maureen DiPaolo, Victim/Witness Advocate, Somerville Police Department
Adrienne Pomeroy, ADA Coordinator, Racial and Social Justice

SWC Commissioners

Kimberly Sheridan
Katelin Firth
Alex Barbat
CC Morone
Mallory Carroll

Members of the Public
Holly Simone – Chair, SCPD, resident

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

- Welcome + Introductions
- Updates: Recruitment
 - Kim Sheridan gave an update on recruitment. Several interviews have been conducted, and 5 total commissioners appointed. There are currently 3 open seats. The due date for the recruitment call has been extended to March 21, 2025. Adrienne Pomeroy confirmed this information.
- Commissions Coordinator Update:
 - Kim Sheridan gave an update that RSJ is prioritizing hiring a new coordinator.

Adrienne Pomeroy confirmed this information.

- Upcoming Events
 - Black History Month – Adrienne Pomeroy provided information on the Department of Racial and Social Justice and Somerville Museum Black History month event on February 26, 2025.
 - Women’s History Month – Kimberly asked for more information on planning. Adrienne will take this back to RSJ Leadership.
 - Start by Believing - Maureen DiPaolo, SPD
 - Maureen shared that SPD has pledged to recommit to program.
 - April 2nd – Target Event Date
 - The SWC discussed they would also like to have events during Financial Literacy Awareness Month and Women’s Health Month. Adrienne will share with RSJ Leadership.
 - Informal Commission Mixer - Katelin Firth shared an idea around having a multi commission social mixer to share resources, build community, and recruit folks who may be interested in serving. Adrienne shared that this may have quorum limits and would check with RSJ Leadership. Holly Simone shared more about quorum and the difference between acting as a commissioners versus acting as residents. The group agreed to discuss again in March.
- Upcoming Training Opportunities
 - Kim shared about the Massachusetts Commission for Women Advocacy Day Training on March 20th – the training will be virtual. Registration can be found here: <https://masscsww.org/event/advocacy-day-training-session/>
 - Adrienne shared about the two remaining Active Bystander Trainings organized by Racial and Social Justice on February 26th and March 8th which will be emailed.
- Next Full Commission Meeting: March 18th @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.