

Allentown

*435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101*



Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2019

6:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Human Relations Commission

Present: Patrick Palmer, Connie Santos, Hamp Smith, Scotty, Smith, Tracie Springer, Inga Williams, Wendy Escarfullery

Absent: Donna Forrester, Janet Morillo, Chery Johnson-Watts

Human Relation Officer: Tatiana Tooley

Allentown Solicitor: Adam

Meeting called to motion by Wendy Escarfullery at 06:01

Courtesy of the floor: Solicitor informed HRC that ordinance states we should have legal counsel.

Solicitor will serve as our legal counsel if the case goes to hearing and complainant doesn't have counsel.

He will attend meeting as needed for legal counsel. We should contact Tatiana Tooley when we need to get ahold of solicitor.

Approval of minutes was motioned by Patrick Palmer and seconded by Inga Williams, all in favor

Old business

Intake forms are approved as forms only but not for usage until it has been edited, a Spanish version is now available.

Good and Welfare:

Holiday Dinner with the commissioners January 9th after meeting

New school board members were sworn in

2 meetings from now 2 council members will be sworn in

Youth award on December 14th at Executive Charter School

Committee Report:

Outreach: Nov. 12th block community meeting was attended (8th ward)

Plans in motion to find out and attend block meetings. Patrick Palmer will email them a calendar

Was unable to attend APD Basketball at Dieruff

Investigation: 2 open cases awaiting assignment

Tracie Springer has volunteered as a panelist

1 case closed due to it not being in our jurisdiction

1 new case: Respondent and Complainant are both in Allentown.

Complainant is female has open availability and has obtained counsel.

Mental health involved as well

Patrick needs to appoint so that it could be docketed. It was assigned to Connie Santos. Solicitor is willing to assist if she will be meeting with their counsel.

Award: Nothing to report

Executive Session: Barbara Elerby to give workshop.

We are going to open it to the public. Pat motioned to proceed with the initiative of the workshop;

Wendy Escarfullery seconded it, all in favor.

Possible date: end of March Snow date in April

Who would we invite?

Maybe Partner with?

Adjournment was motioned by Wendy Escarfullery and seconded by Inga Williams at 07:08
Next meeting January 9th at 6pm