

Allentown

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Allentown, Pa. 18101*



Minutes

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Human Relations Commission

ALLENTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING DUE TO COVID AND SNOW

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT 5PM

Tatiana discussed the ability to break into separate meeting "rooms" for our committee meetings. William Seng and Louis Holtzman have both chosen to join Hamp on the Outreach committee where they will work on the first project in conjunction with APD. Carmen Roman and Sukwon Lee will need to choose committees.

There was a discussion regarding possible discrimination occurring during snow removal. Multiple calls were received from residents who complained about preference given to other neighbors and neighborhoods.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6PM BY JANET MORILLO- Pledge of Allegiance and roll call

PRESENT: Sharon Fraser, Hamp Smith, Connie Santos, William Seng, Louis Holtzman, Carmen Roman, Linda Vega, Tracie Springer, Chelsea Figueroa Bldg 21, and Ariana Caraballo Allen, Janet Morillo, and Tatiana Tooley.

ABSENT: Sukwon Lee (excused)

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: Hamp Smith seconded Sharon Fraser

INFORMATION UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES:

AWARD BANQUET: Contact has been made to obtain prices from Barristers Club

INVESTIGATION: Linda and Sharon will be meeting to work on a new case. Connie will meet next week with Tatiana to formulate questions for the respondent in her case.

OUTREACH: Hamp will meet with the new members to begin discussions on scheduling trainings and seminars

HRC OFFICER REPORT: Tatiana shared with us a new City of Allentown page she developed to assist citizens with tenant issues. The page was put before us as a Commission to approve prior to being launched publicly. Janet motioned for approval, Carmen seconded, and the commission was overwhelmingly in agreement.

The new position for a PT investigator has been posted on the city website and LINKEDIN. It will pay \$23/hr 20hrs/wk. We were encouraged to spread the word.

Will and Louis have completed their training. Sukwon has not yet done so.

We were all encouraged to attend a 3part ZOOM held by LCCC, regarding the "ISM" of Race. The first in the series will be held Feb 8th and Tatiana will participate in the final workshop on Feb 22nd.

Tatiana also reported on the High School Mentorship program. The letters went out to the principals of the three high schools. They will be responsible for referring the seniors that will be mentored by the managers of each city department. During this pilot program they will be gaining experience while working on projects over a 12-week period. They will be funded by Career Link.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED Motioned by Tracie and seconded by William Seng

NEXT MEETING IS: March 4,2021