

Allentown

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Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021

6:00 AM

5th floor conference room

City Hall

Human Relations Commission

ALLENTOWN HUMAN RELATIONS MINUTES
THURSDAY JULY 1ST, 2021
435 HAMILTON STREET-5TH FLOOR

Meeting was called to order by our Chair, Janet Morillo at 6:11 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Commissioners present: Connie Santos, Sukwon Lee, Ciera Villalobos, Hamp Smith, Linda Vega, Tatiana Tooley, William Seng, Shane Gill, and Janet Morillo.

Excused: Sharon Fraser and Louis Holzman

Unexcused: Tracie Springer and Carmen Roman

Attending from public was James Whitney

Remarks from Chair: None

Courtesy of the Floor: James Whitney has been monitoring social media for proper procedure and ethical use of social media. He is disturbed by the opinions of one of the commissioners on a recent news story. Tatiana shared the code of ethics with him. There currently is no policy on the use of social media. A discussion was held on the code of ethics which does not allow for Commissioners to participate in political activity that involves city candidates. The Commission thanked him for his input.

Motion to approve minutes: Hamp Smith, motioned and Shane Gill, seconded

Information updates:

BANQUET: (to be held Oct. 2nd) Lee informed that the search for the menu has commenced and they are leaning towards Mediterranean. Ciera has been working on cleaning up the documents for the Human Relations Award and Nomination Form. Each Commissioner has been tasked with providing three nominees within the next 30 days. Nominees may be a person, a company, or an organization. The trophy has been selected.

INVESTIGATION: A new case was referred on to EEOC due to a conflict of interest

OUTREACH: We have secured a booth at PRIDE Fest on August 15th and all are encouraged to attend. We will not be participating in the Puerto Rican parade due to cost.

HRC INVESTIGATOR: Ciera has been updating the hardcopy of the HRC manual and has been researching the possibility of a Tenant/Landlord Commission.

HRC OFFICER: No remarks

OLD BUSINESS: Hamp Smith inquired about a flyer for the Banquet. None as of yet it will be done closer to event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Hamp Smith, motioned and Shane Gill, seconded.