

Allentown

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Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2021

6:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Human Relations Commission

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Chair and roll call produced four members present
PRESENT: Janet Morillo, Connie Santos, Hamp Smith, and Jean Raymond Hoffman
EXCUSED: Will Seng, Linda Vega, Shane Gill
UNEXCUSED: Sukwon Lee, and Louis Holzman
Guests Present: Enid Santiago, Sharon Finnegan, and Shane Falwell also in attendance was Stacy Waters from the PA Human Relations in Harrisburg

Both Linda and Will are attending School Board which has conflicted with our schedule for the past three months and will continue until January. We did not meet quorum and Motion to adjourn was made by Hamp and seconded by Connie.

At 6:25 Louis came into the room and as we were still sitting at the table, a decision was made to re-open the meeting as important information needed to be discussed.

The meeting, which now met quorum, was called to order by the Chair after the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

Remarks from the Chair: Janet again, expressed the importance of our meetings and our commitment to attendance. Hamp brought up the rules for attendance and Ciera presented copies of the guidelines and procedures. I suggested we keep a spreadsheet of attendees to better track absences.

Courtesy of the Floor: Pa Human Relations Rep, Stacy Waters, introduced herself and said she was there to offer assistance and trainings. She is willing to come to us for any trainings.

A welcome was given to Jean Raymond Hoffman who was recently appointed. She read a short Bio and is very grateful to be part of our Commission stating that the Commission in the past has helped her to be where she is today.

Approval of Minutes: there was no Quorum for the past two months

Banquet Committee: Nothing to report. All the members praised the outcome of the Banquet which was held on October 2nd.

Investigation Committee: Nothing to Report

Outreach: Nothing to report. Louis inquired about the "city training" This was discussed as far back as January of this year. Carl from Pa Human Relations was to provide Implicant Bias training to APD and city employees.

HRC Investigator: Ciera has a case that requested appeal that must be assigned and worked on within this month. The Chair assigned the case to Linda Vega and Connie Santos. Assignment was motioned by Louis and seconded by Hamp. Ciera reports that the student reps have been interviewed and chosen. They will be on board for December. As a Commission we would like to welcome them with a small dinner and token of appreciation.

HRC Officer: excused absence

Old Business: We selected two dates to give to Liz from Bradbury Sullivan for the 2 ½ hour LGBTQ training. The dates selected will be January 11th or January 12th. Attendance will be mandatory and will be counted as an absence.

New Business: The guests in attendance were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and express reason for attending. Applications to request appointment to our Commission were provided.

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 was made by Jean and seconded by Hamp. Decision to change meeting date for December to reduce conflict for School Board will be made via e-mail