

Allentown

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Minutes

Thursday, January 6, 2022

6:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Human Relations Commission

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Present were Shane Gill, Sukwon Lee, Tatiana Tooley, Hamp Smith, Janet Morillo, William Seng, Louis Holzman, Ciera Villalobos, Jean Raymond Hoffman also student reps; Nasheera Brown and Daniel Oden

Student reps absent were: Shane Reznick, Chris Lebron and Lindsay Ghattas (Lindsay excused). Linda Vega has officially resigned due to her installation as District Magistrate which constitutes a conflict of interest.

Remarks from Chair: Happy New Year was extended to the Commission and Elections were announced. William Seng was nominated but declined the Presidency. After clarification of the Presidents and Vice Chair roles, the Chair motioned for Shane Gill as President and Hamp Smith seconded. The Commission approved. Jean Raymond Hoffman was motioned for Vice Chair by Janet Morillo, seconded by Sukwon Lee and approved by the entire commission. Connie Santos was approved to continue as Secretary as no one was interested. The treasurer position was placed on hold until the current administration is in place and in order.

During the elections we had a surprise visit from our new Mayor, Matt Tuerk, who promised to return in the future for a formal scheduled visit. He greeted each Commissioner.

The newly elected Chair took over and the minutes from December 2, 2021 were motioned to be approved by Janet Morillo and seconded by Hamp Smith.

Courtesy of the Floor: None

INFORMATION UPDATES:

Banquet Committee: Tatiana expressed that all arrangements for this years awards should be finalized by June. We were in agreement that the Barristers Club was to be re-booked.

Investigation: No new investigations. Appeal was denied and appellant was notified.

Outreach: No new information. Tatiana reports that we have funding available for a tent, banner, and T-shirts for future events.

HRC Investigator: Reminder that LGBTQ training will be held Wednesday January 12th at the Bradbury Sullivan Center from 5-7 p.m. She will send an e-mail with the details. Shane Gill has received her investigator training. Ciera is investigating other trainings to benefit the Commissioners through PHRC and EEOC. She reminded the Commissioners of the importance of responding to the email for attendance.

HRC Officer: We were provided with a draft of the DEI proposal that she is working on for the city with the help of Shane Gill. We are to review it with any questions. It will then go to Leonard Lightner for approval and finally to the Mayor. It is expected to take months to finalize and will be the first of its kind in this city. Next, she proposed to the student reps, Discrimination Workshops to schools that are interested. Daniel and Nasheera will work with William Seng to set up workshops and the target date will be April. They plan to start with Mr. Randolph at Dieruff and Mr. Rosado at building 21.

Old Business: Nasheera provided each Commissioner with a flyer for three events in February that she is planning through the Black Scholars Society. On behalf of HRC it was motioned by Hamp Smith, and seconded by Shane Gill, to provide her with \$250 to help with expenses. The event will be presented to the ASD School Board for approval.

New Business: A huge Thank You to Janet Morillo for her service as Chair for the past 2 years. There are currently 5 applications in the pipeline for approval as new Commissioners.

Janet Morillo motioned to adjourn the meeting and Hamp Smith seconded.
Next meeting is February 3rd.