

Human Relations Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

A meeting of the Doylestown Borough Human Relations Commission was held on the above date with the following members in attendance: Maxine Katz, John Fraser, Linda Quinn, Doreen Stratton and John Davis, Borough Manager. Also in attendance were Mayor Ron Strouse, Council Vice President, Noni West and Councilperson Don Berk.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting were approved.

Human Relations Commission Outreach Discussion

Councilperson Don Berk encouraged Commission outreach stating that it was something Council had intended. He further encouraged the Commission to explore outreach in the schools. After discussion of the best course to gain access, it was determined that CB Cares might be the best avenue.

Mayor Strouse shared his vision for the HRC outreach including the use of prominent Doylestown residents to illustrate tolerance.

Councilperson West relayed an instance of bigotry and intolerance in a local business that had made the rounds at the recent Women's March. She suggests the local newspaper or Borough Bulletin as a mechanism.

John Davis listed for the Commission some of the means available for outreach, including the Borough's website, social media, Dmail, the Patch and the *Intelligencer* newspaper. He also noted that the HRC could create a pamphlet, host town meetings, or create a survey for residents. He encouraged the Commission to have an article in the next Borough Bulletin.

The Commission next discussed being a clearing house and source of information about local groups and events that fall within the HRC's mission.

The discussion concluded with a list of the following action items:

1. All members will review the Commission's website presence and suggest change to John.
2. Linda will draft a bulletin article for the Commission's consideration.
3. Maxine will draft a revised pamphlet.

Adjournment

The Commission will next meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at which time the bulletin article and website information will be finalized.