

Borough of Doylestown Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 7pm

Attendance: Borough Manager John Davis, Doreen Stratton, Stephen Albert, Frederick Stanczak, Maxine Katz, Freda Savana, Linda Quinn, Evelyn Rodriguez, Sheryn Braun, John Fraser, and Ellen Winters.

The **Minutes** from the May 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

Representatives from A Woman's Place attended the meeting to discuss their future and where the Human Relations Commission can work with them, along with the YWCA. Currently, a partnership with the YWCA would best benefit the HRC as they have the people and trainings in place and similar goals toward equality and racial justice. A Woman's Place is in the process of revitalization and staffing changes and will reach out once those are complete to see where the HRC can fit in with their goals. The group also discussed the possible outreach to other organizations including NOVA, VITA, which is involved with immigrant relations, as well as other organizations to develop partnerships. The ultimate goal is to introduce the Human Relations Commission, share goals and the focus, and determine where there is synergy to work together. The group will review the list provided and discuss existing connections as well as reach out to make new ones. John will be kept abreast of the connections with the hope to invite some groups to future meetings. John reminded the group of the resources provided on the website, including the mission statement of the HRC.

John will talk with the group handling the Arts Festival on whether an information table can be offered to the group. There will be a table at the Farmer's Market on July 10. The group decided on staffing the table.

Freda attended a talk on Critical Race Theory by a local group with the anticipation of the curriculum becoming a discussion at the local school districts.

Mayor Strouse announced the Borough Council's approval of a LGBTQ+ resolution. There are various other Human Relations Commissions in communities, although the LGBTQ+ community is not yet protected by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

The PRIDE events were well-attended and successful, although there was a small, provocative group that attended a music event with harassing language.

The group will meet again in July.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary