

Borough of Doylestown Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 7pm, via Zoom

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

The **Minutes** from the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

Ellen Winters was welcomed as the new student Commission member. She introduced herself as a Central Bucks Senior and is interested in being an active member of the committee.

Community Partnerships Subcommittee. Linda provided an update on her discussion with A Woman's Place; they are very interested in partnering with the Commission. They offer training on Cultural Competency and is very helpful in dealing with bias and cultural diversity. Representatives from A Woman's Place would like to attend the next meeting to discuss what they offer and answer any questions. At this point, John explained meetings are still being held via Zoom. The plan, though, is to have hybrid meetings once the new Borough Hall facilities are open, with a certain number of members present for a quorum.

At the next meeting, members will be sharing their lists of organizations to include in the Human Relations Commission outreach within the community.

The Pride Committee has a Pride Month kickoff flag-raising and walk on June 1. Also, there is a Distance Picnic on Pine event planned, as well as a film showing at Chapman Park. All of the details are available on their website, with a full week of events planned.

Central Bucks School District voted to fund transgender training, although there has not yet been a vote on the Diwali holiday issue. The current School Board President and Vice President were replaced at the most recent meeting. Doreen suggested the Committee keep a close eye on changes in the School Board as there are many changes being made around the country. The Committee discussed the role it holds in promoting an alternative process for students to address possible discrimination issues than directly through the School District itself as well as promoting education and support on diversity. Ellen noted there is a desire among the students, as well as many teachers, to update the curriculum.

Old/New Business. The Committee discussed the possibility of having meetings throughout the summer; at this point, there are agenda items to discuss in June. The Committee will consider taking July off.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary