

Borough of Doylestown Human Relations Commission

Date: January 27, 2021
Scheduled Time: 7:00PM
Via Zoom

Present:

Frederick Stanczak, Stephen Albert, Sharyn Bruans, Nancy Reilly, Linda Quinn, Maxine Katz, Freda Savana, Doreen Stratton, and Evelyn Rodriguez.

Also Present:

John Davis, Borough Manager

Mr. Stanczak called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Albert clarified under November 24, 2020 meeting minutes; section "New Business" the term "conversation" should be "Keohane". The Commission unanimously approved the November 24, 2020 meeting minutes with this correction.

Introduction of New Members:

*Freda Savana: Ms. Savana stated she was a reporter and journalist for twenty years with the Intelligencer and Courier Times continues as a freelancer. She was born and raised in the Borough of Doylestown and looks forward to serving the Human Relations Commission.

*Evelyn Rodriguez: Ms. Rodriguez is a new resident of Pennsylvania and the Borough of Doylestown. She believes this is a great opportunity to become more involved in the community and to be able to stay connected and hopes to make an impact.

All Commission members welcomed Freda & Evelyn to the Human Relations Commission.

2021 Education Events:

With regards to "Window Clings" for area businesses, this has been placed on pause. Ms. Katz spoke with Ms. Evans, Director of Community at The Peace Center. Conversations entailed mini workshops such as cultural humility, racial equality, understanding racial bias, and spoke about the importance of youth involvement. The Peace Center has direct contact with youth involvement and may be able to assist. Ms. Evans would be happy to assist with this and she would be pleased to join an Human Relations Commission meeting at any time.

Ms. Reilly suggested inviting youth to attend an upcoming Human Relations Commission meeting. Ms. Quinn suggested that Ms. Marlene Pray would be an excellent candidate to assist with this.

Old Business:

Mr. Davis reviewed the previous meeting minutes and asked about the status of letters from HRC to the Federal Legislators. Ms. Stratton commented that a new session of Congress has begun, and due to new members, the draft will be recirculated for all HRC members to read and add any additional comments. An update could be provided at the February 24th HRC meeting. Another item brought up amongst the Commission was the matter of an HRC Youth Council Representative to be invited to take part as a youth representative. A representative qualifies as a rising Junior or Senior student. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Commission to recommend Borough Council to approve a youth Liaison

for the Commission. Mr. Davis stated if/when Council approves, Mr. Davis must advertise this and it could take about two months to finalize.

Ms. Quinn commented on the Window Clings and Mr. Davis reported once again it has been placed on pause. Ms. Rodriguez suggested putting together an "electronic version" for businesses to use on their social media outlets to promote the window clings.

Adjournment: The Human Relations Commission adjourned at 8:00pm.