

Borough of Doylestown Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, November 23, 2021 – 7pm

Attendance: Borough Manager John Davis, Mayor Ron Strouse, Doreen Stratton, John Fraser, Frederick Stanczak, Maxine Katz, Freda Savana, Linda Quinn, Nancy Reilly, Ellen Winters, and Evelyn Rodriguez.

The **Minutes** of the October 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

YWCA of Bucks County Presentation. Kristin Chapin spoke to the Commission members regarding the programs provided by the YWCA, including family and self-sufficiency services. Additionally, their social justice and racial equity coaching/training programs have grown in recent years. The group discussed planning a Racial Wealth Gap simulation/training program for the community in March-April 2022. Additionally, Kristin is a member of Abington's Human Relations Commission and their group would be open to continuing the work together with Doylestown Borough. The ultimate goal is to see how current and past policies affect different groups of people and specifically people of color.

CBSD Mailer. A letter written by Mayor Strouse and Borough Council President Jack O'Brien was submitted to the Doylestown Township supervisors and shared via social media in response to a divisive and controversial political flyer provided to Central Bucks School District employees by Township Supervisor Nancy Santacecilia. It specifically asked for a public apology. As an employee of CB Cares, Ms. Santacecilia was able to access CBSD employee information to deliver these flyers. Ultimately, CB Cares asked for and received her resignation, although she does remain on the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors. The group discussed possible actions and fallout from this situation within the School District.

Community Partnerships Subcommittee. Doreen will continue to work to plan a discussion with the local NAACP, hopefully for February, which is Black History Month.

Upcoming Presentations. The Rainbow Room is planned to attend January's meeting, and once the March/April YWCA event is planned, the Commission will continue to plan further events beyond that, hopefully to include the NAACP.

New/Old Business. Nancy Reilly asked if there was a way to include Doylestown Hospital in some way with the Human Relations Commission, and there was a discussion on the possibility of employee resource groups within Doylestown Health.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer

Minutes Secretary