



ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

March 22, 2023

7:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Cisco WebEx (accessibility details below) *

MEETING MINTUES

Members: Amina Shafi-Rogers, Andrew Lin, Gabrielle Zwi, Peyton Hawkins, Rachel Blomquist, Rebecca Murphy, Amy Frieder, Kaoru Sakabe, Molly Cullen

Student Ambassadors: Celestia Krubally

Staff Liaison: Tyree Davis IV

- I. Convene and Welcome
 - a. The meeting was convened and started meeting at 7:36
 - b. Approve Minutes/Agenda
 - i. Upon motion made by Co-chair Shafi-Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Frieder, moved to accept the agenda and minutes were approved.
- II. Staff Report
 - a. Updates
 - i. Liaison Davis shared that International Night was hosted by himself and the turnout was nice. Liaison Davis mentioned that he was the emcee for the first time and will be the subsequent emcee.
 - ii. Liaison Davis shared that the budget survey is open, and members should take the survey and share with others who have not taken the survey.
 - iii. Liaison Davis shared that there will be opportunities for the HRC to table at events hosted by Rockville regarding the election year.
- III. Co-Chair Report
 - a. 2023 Pride
 - i. Co-chair Lin shared that Pride is coming along. The flier is being worked on by PIO.
 - ii. There will also be a call for performers in the April issue of Rockville Reports that will close April 14th. This same call for performers will discuss the high-level information about the event.
 - iii. Rockville is giving \$4,950 is the HRC for the event to be hosted.
 - iv. The Commission will need to be all hands-on deck for fundraising.
 - b. Commissioner Survey
 - i. A commissioner survey will be sent to the group to gain interest from where people would like to focus on. Leadership would like to have feedback by April 1, 2023. It is a Google Form that will be sent out to everyone.
 - c. Student Ambassador Program Project
 - i. The student ambassadors were tasked with creating a calendar of events based on Human Rights.
 - ii. An email will be sent to leadership and the student ambassadors.

IV. Other Committee Reports

a. Current Affairs

- i. The Current Affairs Committee is going to schedule regular meetings more frequently to start discussing some of the topics.
- ii. At Monday's Mayor & Council meeting (March 27, 2023), they will be receiving their first annual progress report on the Climate Action Plan adopted in January 2022. Especially given that equity was centered in their planning, this may have human rights intersections and the current affairs subcommittee will plan to attend and share out any relevant notes and follow up items. Agenda [here](#).
- iii. Separately, you can find the full Charter Review Commission Report [here](#). It's hefty, but surprisingly readable and more than half of the pages are appendices.
- iv. The County has responded to the City about the Restoration Center and the HRC will be on the lookout for updates.

b. Montgomery County Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation (MCCRR)

- i. Commissioner Hawkins shared the MCCRR is organizing an Installment Ceremony to commemorate the three lynching victims in Montgomery County, Mr. George Peck, Mr. Sidney Randolph, and Mr. John Diggs-Dorsey. To ensure an impactful event, we must build engagement by reaching out to the community.
- ii. The Installment subcommittee has compiled a list of local organizations that may be interested in attending and sharing information about our ceremony. [Linked](#) is a document with the list of organizations and contacts we have identified.

c. IDEA Training

- i. The IDEA training will not happen this year due to timing.

V. Other Business and Announcements

a. Arts Nominating

- i. A winner was selected from the committee. Shawn James will be moving forward to the Mayor and Council for approval.

VI. Adjournment-

- a. Upon motion made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Cullen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21.