

**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Cisco WebEx Conference  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
7:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Courtney Proctor, Chair; Andrew Lin, Vice Chair; Gabrielle Zwi; Delenia McIver; Kindra Jones; Bethany Pereira; and Oyebisi Olatoye

**Liaisons Present:** Janet Kelly and Councilmember David Myles

**Guests Present:** Jeannie Shen and Connor Lee

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

**II. Welcoming of Guest**

The HRC made introductions and welcomed guests.

**III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

The HRC unanimously adopted the meeting agenda and the January meeting minutes.

**IV. Chair's Report**

**A. Administrative Updates**

Chair Proctor informed everyone that she plans to resign from the commission on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged anyone interested in serving as chair to contact her about the role and responsibilities of the position.

**B. CUAH Updates**

Chair Proctor reviewed the latest CUAH action alert information, which she previously emailed. She reminded everyone about the Youth Creating Change (YCC) Social Change Conference (SCC) next month. The SCC will include three discussion panels: the COVID-19 Panel on April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Climate Change Panel on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Equity in Schools and Communities Panel on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Staff Liaison's Report**

**A. Community Survey**

Liaison Kelly stated that the Mayor and Council made edits to the proposed survey and that the survey will soon be translated into five different languages. After the translations are made, the survey will be ready to distribute. Vice Chair Lin stated he might need help distributing promotion flyers.

**B. Asian American and Pacific Islander Unity Event**

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Montgomery County Council hosted a unity event in the wake of the recent shootings in Atlanta. Council members decried the violence committed against Asians and provided resources during the event.

**C. City Budget and Comprehensive Plan**

Liaison Kelly announced that there is an upcoming April 12<sup>th</sup> budget hearing and suggested that the HRC submit a budget request memo to the Mayor & Council by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Upon request, Liaison Kelly agreed to determine the proper format for the memo. Commissioner Pereira agreed to assist Chair Proctor in preparing it.

**VI. MCRRC Liaison's Report**

Commissioner Olatoye reminded everyone about Remembrance Weekend. She also informed everyone that the MCRRC plans to host a community forum to discuss the effects of lynching, including the educational, financial, and legal effects. Other educational events will be planned by the MCRRC Remembrance Subcommittee.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. Diversity & Inclusion Initiative**

Three participants submitted project proposals. Two of them are HRC Student Ambassadors, Joyce Onana and Ruben Dasgupta. The projects are as follows: (1) Sib Strong, a project to create a sibling support group for those who have siblings with disabilities; (2) Point, Blank, Period, a project to address period poverty by collecting and donating period supplies; and (3) Multicultural Cookbook, a project to create a multicultural cookbook website with recipes from students and others in the Rockville and surrounding communities. Projects officially started March 15<sup>th</sup> and will end June 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Olatoye, Pereira, and Jones are the HRC points of contact.

**B. Multimedia Scholarship Competition**

The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The HRC is currently in need of more participants.

**C. Rockville Pride**

Liaison Kelly stated she will check with the director regarding the budget and is awaiting a final decision regarding whether the event can be held in person. The scheduled date for the event is still June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Old Business**

There were no old business items.

**IX. New Business**

There were no new business items.

**X. Announcements**

On Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Montgomery County will host an Asian Community Safety Conversation via Zoom. County Executive Elrich, Councilmember Katz, Police Chief Jones, and Office of Human Rights Director James Stowe will lead the discussion, which will focus on hates crimes, theft/robbery targeting Asians, safety tips, police interactions, and a round of Q&As. Registration

will be open until 5:00 p.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Chair Proctor will forward information to those who are interested.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.