



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Cisco WebEx Conference
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Courtney Proctor, Chair; Andrew Lin, Vice Chair;
Gabrielle Zwi; Delenia McIver; Bethany Pereira; Oyebisi Olatoye; Amina
Rogers; and Kaoru Sakabe

Liaison Present: Janet Kelly and Councilmember Myles

Guests Present: Jennifer Barnes and Connor Lee

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 March meeting minutes.

IV. Chair's Report

A. Administrative Updates

Chair Proctor informed everyone that the HRC still has two vacancies. She expressed her hope that they will be filled before the end of the calendar year.

B. CUAH Updates

Chair Proctor shared information provided in the latest CUAH action alert. An abbreviated summary of the information is as follows: (1) virtual Community Policing Briefing on Thursday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.; (2) rally for AAPI solidarity on Monday, May 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the National Mall; and (3) 2nd annual Projects for Change program from June 13th to July 11th.

V. Staff Liaison's Report

A. Community Survey

Liaison Kelly and Vice Chair Lin stated that the survey is almost complete and that the working group has asked student ambassadors to help with reviewing translations. Upon request, Commissioners Rogers and Sakabe volunteered to assist with promotion.

B. City Budget

On May 3rd, the Mayor & Council discussed the budget. However, Liaison Kelly stated she is still awaiting the outcome and will contact the City Clerk's Office for updates.

VI. MCRRC Liaison's Report

Commissioner Olatoye stated that the Reconciliation subcommittee is still planning community events exploring lynchings and current inequalities. The first event, Property and Its Discontents, will be held June 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It will address the three recorded lynchings in Montgomery County, some history regarding redlining and other efforts to block African Americans from gaining access to property, and include a brief panel discussion with representatives from the real estate industry, mortgage financing, and the MD State Legislature to highlight problems and potential solutions.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Diversity & Inclusion Initiative

Ambassador Onana stated that she has experienced delays with her project. However, she is currently working with Commissioner Pereira on the drive and the education portions of the project. No other project updates were provided.

B. Multimedia Scholarship Competition

Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, a retired principal who works with the NAACP, volunteered to serve on the review panel. Competition winners will be selected by Friday, June 4th.

C. Rockville Pride

Liaison Kelly reminded everyone about the Instagram takeover, which will take place June 12th-26th and will include ten posts created by Ambassadors Rosa Ghaderi and Alanna Li. The panel discussion will be held Saturday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m. It will include representatives from several organizations, including MoCo Pride, PFLAG, SMYAL, Rainbow Youth Alliance, etc. The HRC currently needs at least three ambassadors to record one-minute videos for the virtual festival by Monday, May 31st.

VIII. Old Business

There were no old business items.

IX. New Business

There were no new business items.

X. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.