

ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 28

Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room

7:30 P.M.

I. Convene

II. Chair Report:

A. Discussion of Upcoming Programs

1. Diversity Leadership Workshop

Staff let the Commission know that all was set for the Diversity Leadership Workshop on April 21. Staff will circulate a sheet to sign up for the day. Staff will also contact former attendees to see if they would like to be trainers.

2. Pride Program

The Pride Program will take place on June 16 in Town Center and in the library 2nd floor Conference Room. Commission discussed the format and content of the program. They will get additional organizations to partner with them to create the day. It will be from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3. Know Your Rights

This item was tabled until the Commission can determine how they will focus their attention.

4. Coming to the Table and Community Engagement Possibilities

The Commission welcomed Cathy Roberts who gave them a overview of a project she hoped to get support from the Commission. The project involved community leaders and a round table discussion about race. The idea was to show a film and then have a discussion and perhaps develop action items. The Commission liked the idea and will be looking at the film. Ms. Roberts wants to try to have this dialogue in the fall.

III. Staff Report:

A. Voter Registration

Staff shared with the HRC information about the coming election dates and to encourage them to think of ways to get voters. It was suggested that the high schools should be involved and that we could write the principals to gain but -in from the school and teachers that be interested in infusing the topic of voting into their curriculum. Staff will draft a letter to the principals to be reviewed by HRC members. HRC and staff agreed that there will be a larger emphasis on education. Some HRC members will also become registrants.

PTSA Meetings

To give the community knowledge of the HRC, it was discussed that the members would attend a PTSA meeting to make parents and students aware of what they do.

Staff will contact PTSA presidents to see good dates for visiting.

IV. Open Forum

No Open Forum Items

V. Old Business

No Old Business

VI. New Business

No New Business

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be at City Hall, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.