



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room
Wednesday, September 28, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Members- Courtney Proctor, Chair, Andrew Lin, Irfan Murtuza, Alonzo Smith
Guest - Oyebisi Olatoye, Daniel Gellilo
Staff - Janet Kelly, HRC Liaison

- I. Call to Order:** Chair Courtney Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
- II. Welcoming of Guests:** The Chair welcomed back guest Oyebisi Olatoye, and welcomed guest Daniel Gellilo
- III. Chair's Report:**
 - A. Administrative Updates:**

Commissioner Proctor updated the Commission regarding reappointment of Commissioner Cohen and 2 people interested in the commission, 1 resignation pending. The Commission has three openings.
 - B. Multimedia Contest:**

The Chair suggested that the Commission develop a committee to spearhead the contest and that they work on increasing participation. Perhaps the request for submissions could be made in the November edition.

ACTION ITEMS: Get Eric Rodney at Richard Montgomery High School and other media staff at schools to announce request for submissions.
 - C. Rocktoberfest:**

Commissioner Proctor asked for volunteers to participate at the upcoming Rocktoberfest event. This would be an outreach opportunity and an opportunity to achieve one of the Commissions ongoing goals of voter registration.

ACTION ITEMS: A sign up doodle will be sent for Commissioners to note their availability to participate. Liaison Janet Kelly will look at possibly getting voter registration signs from the Board of Elections.

IV. Staff's Report:

A. Event Logistics:

Staff let Commission know the basic timeline for submitting request for printing and when things needed to be done during the planning process for events.

B. Collaborations

Staff asked that the Commission look at building strong collaborations in the upcoming months to address voter registration and future events.

A list will be developed and shared within the next two meetings.

V. Committee Check-in:

Rockville Pride Program:

Commissioner Proctor let commissioners know what had taken place so far regarding the planning of the Pride program:

- Town Center had been booked.
- Date for the event and time are June 15 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Goal of funds - \$5,000.
- Submission of fliers for sponsorship took place.
- By Friday there will be a theme selected.
- Request for checks to be into the city for the event by February 15.
- Determine speakers for table talks and performers by March 15.
- Getting additional input from the LGBTQ community.
- Recruiting volunteers

MLK Day Celebration:

Staff let Commission know what had been accomplished and what was yet to be done.

- There has been a Day of Service established that will start 9:30 a.m.
- The Day of Service will include a blood drive where 35 people are needed to register.
- Commissioner Lin will look into his HOA doing a day of Service in his neighborhood.
- Soul in Motion has accepted performing at the event.
- Liaison Janet Kelly is reaching out to performers that have expressed a desire to participate
- Speaker will be chosen October 17

ACTION ITEMS: Staff will outline specific areas where the Commission can assist, from suggestions regarding advertisement to logistics for the day of the event. Guest, Daniel Gellilo will get in touch with youth leaders to possibly speak at the event. Staff will continue to work on concept with Commissioners.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Announcements: None

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Rockville City Hall, Black-Eyed Susan Conference Room.