



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Black – Eyed Susan Conference Room

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair, Courtney Proctor, Debbie Cohen, Andrew Lin, Irfan Murtuza, Gabrielle Zwi

Guests Present: Courtney Rose Dantus, Kate Davenport, Oyebisi Olatoye, Kevin Owen, Heather May

Staff Present: Liaison Janet Kelly

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Courtney Proctor at 7:34 p.m.

II. Welcome Guests

Guests were welcomed by Commissioner Proctor, they introduced themselves and their interest in the HRC.

III. Chair Report

A. Administrative Updates

Chair welcomed new member Gabrielle Zwi and update d the Commission on the status of membership.

B. MLK Day – Debrief (with Liaison)

Liaison, Janet Kelly told the Commission about the comment that were made regarding MLK Day. Topics discussed were:

- Catering allowance
- Blood drive and advertisement process
- Sound (microphones)
- Day of Service logistics
- Financial opportunities.

Ms. Kelly will compile the comments and keep them for to start the planning for the next MLK Day event. It was suggested by Commissioner Proctor that we begin looking for a speaker now.

C. Rockville Pride and Committee Update

Chair provided information about the Pride plans. Topics that were discussed included:

- Theme - “Living Out Loud”.
- Sponsorship and proposed deadline for receiving funds. Guest, Kate Davenport from Child Welfare, said that she would like to sponsor the event this year and share information about the foster care opportunities for LGBTQ individuals.
- Location for table talks. Currently Golds Gym and Dawson’s market are possible locations being explored.
- Engaging social media in request for performers.
- Involving local radio stations in publicizing

Commissioner Cohen suggested, and will look in to, getting Drag Queen Storytime to participate. Guest, Oyebisi Olatoye volunteered to gather volunteers for the event.

IV. Staff Report

A. Diversity Leadership Workshop

The Diversity Workshop discussion included the following:

- How the schools get the advertisement
- Possibly change of the title
- Recruitment process

B. Coming to the Table

Staff shared information about the upcoming Coming to the Table session. The topic will be Voices of Segregation.

V. Old Business

There were no old business items.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Murtuza told the Commission about a hearing that he planned to attend on March 5 regarding House Bill 983. The bill states that each law enforcement agency Must develop and implement a policy requiring that in the event a death occurs while a person is in custody an investigation be performed by at least two qualified and independent investigators who will submit a report to the State's Attorney and to the public.

Commissioner Murtuza will inform the Commission of what transpires to see if the City of Rockville and Montgomery County police might want to look at incorporating such a requirement.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Rockville City Hall on March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

