



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Red Maple Conference Room
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Debbie Cohen, Wangari Kamau, Andrew Lin, Alonzo Smith, and Gabrielle Zwi

Guests Present: David Smith and Oyebisi Olatoye

Staff Present: Liaison Janet Kelly

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by staff liaison, Janet Kelly at 7:35 p.m.

II. Welcoming of Guests

Ms. Kelly welcomed guest, David Smith and guest Oyebisi Olatoya

III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

It was moved and second to adopt the agenda.

IV. Chair's Report

A. Administrative Updates

Ms. Kelly and the Commission welcomed Juan Fogelbach to the commission and Ms. Kelly informed the commission that Commissioner Volk had to resign due to scheduling constraints.

B. Boards and Commission Task Force Interview

Chair, Courtney Proctor will attend an interview with the Boards and Commission Task Force April 3 to assist the task force in assessing what the needs are for the Boards and Commissions.

V. Staff's Report

A. Diversity Leadership Workshop

Ms. Kelly introduced David Smith to the Commission. Mr. Smith explained the process that had been done in the past and welcomed any changes to the process.

Commissioners will sign up with Ms. Kelly regarding their participation in the workshop.

B. Mayor and Council Meeting April First Regarding MPDUs and Housing
Ms. Kelly let Commission know that the city's Mayor and Council will be discussing and possibly adopting an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13.5 of the Rockville City Code Entitled "Moderately Priced Housing"

C. **Multimedia Contest**

Ms. Kelly shared the steps that had been taken to get this year's prompts to the students to start their project for submission in May A letter has been sent to the Superintendent and he will designate faculty to get material to students.

VI. Old Business

Commissioner Murtuza attended a meeting to discuss the House Bill 983. The bill requires that each law enforcement agency to develop and implement a policy requiring that in the event a death occurs while a person is in custody and the 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 at a certain time under certain circumstances. Commissioners discussed seeing if the Rockville police force wanted to endorse and do the same thing in Rockville. It was suggested that the Commission see if the County had something in place similar. Rockville would then be able to see if they would like to follow suit. Commissioner will keep the members informed. A member of Rockville's police department may be invited to a future meeting to determine strategies for implementing the policy.

VII. New Business

Racial Equity & Social Justice Initiative – The County started an initiative to eliminate disparities in employment and educational achievement by race, ethnicity, and language. The Commission will seek to host dialogues that will help the County to gather information to develop their County's Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy.

VIII. Announcements

Condolences went out to a commissioner's family over the death of her Brother-in Law.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be April 24 at 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.