



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Red Maple Conference Room
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Members – Courtney Proctor, Chair; Andrew Lin; and Gabrielle Zwi

I. Call to Order

Chair Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Welcoming of Guests

Skipped. There were no guests.

III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Skipped. There was no quorum.

IV. Chair's Report

A. Hometown Holidays

The Commission will participate in Hometown Holidays on May 25th and 26th, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed to fill, two-hour slots to either operate the Wheel of Chance, register voters, or recruit volunteers. Chair Proctor requested that Commissioners sign up for a slot using the online signup link provided via email.

B. Racial Equity & Social Justice Initiative

The Commission had planned to collaborate with Coming to the Table to host a community discussion. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, the Commission may have to forgo collaborating with CTTT on this effort. They will, however, host another RESJ discussion on June 13th.

V. Staff's Report

A. Multimedia Contest

Notices were sent to the superintendent, principals, counselors, and other faculty members. The submission deadline was originally scheduled for May 31st, but will be extended to secure more participants. The plan is still to award prizes at the June Mayor and Council Meeting at City Hall. Commissioner Zwi suggested creating student ambassadors to help promote the contest.

B. Voter Registration

Rockville expects to start its voter registration campaign in September. Liaison Kelly has contacted school principals to appoint Democracy Ambassadors to assist. She also requests assistance from HRC members.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Rockville Pride

1. Fundraising

Chair Proctor reviewed the list of confirmed and pending donations and sponsorships. Based on the list, the Commission has almost reached its \$5K fundraising goal. All donations will be used as prize giveaways.

2. Promotion

Chair Proctor requested locations where promotional materials have been/will be distributed. Commissioner Lin will distribute materials at the Twinbrook Community Center and Twinbrook Library as well as the DC DuPont area. Currently, the Commission does not have funds to seek major radio station promotion, and PSAs are somewhat limited to smaller stations. The Commission will include radio promotion in the future budget modification request. Chair Proctor and Commissioner Zwi have created some social media hashtags to help promote the event. Commissioners will vote on which ones they prefer.

ACTION ITEM: Chair Proctor will send a Doodle poll for committee members to use to vote for hashtags.

3. Performers

Gabrielle Zwi and her band will perform as well as Zach Benson. Dancers from Casa Ruby may also perform.

4. Table Talks

There will be two one-hour sessions in the 1st-floor conference room in the library. Montgomery County Councilmember Evan Glass is expected to moderate one of the sessions, and Karen Kendra Holmes will moderate the other. Chair Proctor provided the list of speakers and table-talk topics.

5. Crafts

Rockville High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) sponsor will lead activities at the crafts table.

6. Volunteers

All volunteers should sign up using the link that was provided via email. Bisi Olatoye, volunteer captain, has started recruiting volunteers. Chair Proctor requested recruitment assistance from Commissioners. Commissioner Lin suggested contacting the students who volunteered for the MLK Celebration.

B. MLK Celebration

The Commission has begun its search for possible performers. One suggestion is a group called Wisdoms (Senior, former Washington Wizards cheerleaders). Chair Proctor reminded Commissioners that, per her email, caterer suggestions are due June 10th. The Commission continues to work on narrowing the list of keynote speakers to the top five.

VII. Old Business

There were no old business items.

VIII. New Business

There were no new business items.

IX. Announcements

A. The City of Rockville needs someone to accept the Refugee Day Proclamation on June 17th at Rockville City Hall.

B. On June 2nd, there will be a Social Change Conference at Richard Montgomery High School.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26th at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.