



**ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Red Maple Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
7:30 p.m

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Courtney Proctor at 7:45 p.m.

**II. Welcoming of Guests**

Each guest shared a little about themselves and what brought them to the meeting. HRC members also introduced themselves and included the time spent on the Human Rights Commission.

**III. Adoption of Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

The agenda and minutes couldn't be adopted due to a lack of quorum.

**IV. Chair's Report**

**A. Administrative Updates**

Chair announced the amount of Commission vacancies still present and process for selection for those unfamiliar about the process historically and present.

**V. Staff's Report**

**A. National Night Out**

Staff told Commission about the attempt that was made to have a voter registration at David Scull on National Night Out. Despite the preparation, the event was rained out. Liaison Kelly will reschedule with Tosha Dyson, Family Self – Sufficiency Specialist, another voter registration.

**B. Multimedia Scholarship Competition**

Discussion regarding the revamping of the multimedia contest to the scholarship ensued. The contest would now be a scholarship with additional prize money. Prize money will be increased from what is presently offered and there will be monetary prizes given for first, second and third place winners.

**C. Voter Registration**

Liaison Kelly talked about the various places where there had been voter registrations and the sites that that were left. Those in attendance who knew their

schedule signed up for a time and date. For the remainder of the sites, a doodle pole would be sent for sign up.

D. Rocktoberfest

Staff described what Rocktoberfest was to guests and to the Commissioners that hadn't ever attended. Liaison Kelly also stated that Rocktoberfest would be an opportunity for the HRC to do recruitment and to also do voter registration.

E. Hate Crimes/Gun Violence Initiative

Due to the prevailing hate violence crimes and questions that emerged regarding what could be recommended or done by the HRC to address the issue, Liaison Kelly answered the questions by saying that the City would be able to best address the issue by creating an overall statement that would include an overall message regarding positive ways to treat one another, and that there are currently ways that the Mayor and Council have addressed this issue already. She went further to say that the HRC could provide advice to the Mayor and Council should they come up with a unified statement to send to them.

## VI. Committee Reports

### **Commissioners volunteered for committees and the following was discussed.**

A. Student Ambassador Program (SAP)

Chair Proctor discussed the SAP. She shared that in the July teleconference, Commissioners, Lin, Zwi and herself decided the following:

- There will be 10 (Sophomore, Junior or Seniors) students selected from the five Rockville high schools
- Students would have a GPA of 2.5 or comparable in schools that use a different grading system.
- Student would have leadership skills and be able to

*Faculty will make the recommendation and the committee will interview and select students by December.*

B. Diversity and Inclusion Initiative

Chair Proctor stated that the program will be expanded to include an element of follow up projects that the students would design that are geared towards making their school inclusive. The first phase of the initiative will be a training on October 19 on October 19 at Rockville City Hall. Commissioners assigned to the project are Andrew Lin, Gabrielle Zwi, Oyabesi Olatoye and Chair Proctor.

C. MLK Celebration

Chair Proctor stated that there would be a teleconference regarding the details of the MLK Day Celebration.

D. Rockville Pride

Chair Proctor shared that there will be a need to get sponsorship again this year for Rockville Pride. The goal is to raise \$5,000 and possibly any budget that will be allowed through the city. The date will be June 20.

VII. Old Business

Human Rights Day

This subject was tabled until the next meeting to allow for additional members to participate in the discussion.

VIII. New Business

There were no new items

IX. Announcements

Chair Proctor shared news about an event sponsored by Communities united Against Hate entitled Eat, Drink, Make a Difference.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 23 at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.

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