



## ROCKVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

September 27, 2023

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Cisco WebEx \*

### MEETING MINTUES

Members: Andrew Lin, Molly Cullen, Rebecca Murphy, Amy Frieder, Amina Shafi-Rogers, Sinan Wolf-Gazo, Rachel Blomquist, Peyton Hawkins, Gabrielle Zwi, Florence E. Jewell

Staff Liaison: Tyree Davis IV

- I. Convene and Welcome
  - a. The meeting was convened at 6:36
  - b. Welcome Guest(s)
    - i. No guest
  - c. Approve Minutes/Agenda
    - i. The Commission, upon motion Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Lin, moved to accept the agenda and minutes were approved.
- II. Staff Report
  - a. Updates
    - i. Liaison Davis IV shared that there are a few people who need to take Maryland Open Meeting Act and send certification to Liaison Davis and the City Clerks Office. They are Commissioner Wolf-Gazo, Vice Chair Murphy, Commissioner Frieder, and Commissioner Jewell.
    - ii. Liaison Davis IV shared that a distribution list has been created.
      1. The commission will further discuss making this available to the public or continuing to work through Liaison Davis IV.
    - iii. Liaison Davis IV shared the Town Center Plan is having community forums to revisit the work that has been done. They will take place October 24, 2023 at 7 pm- In Person meeting at the Rockville Memorial Library and October 26, 2023 at 7 pm- Webex for Town Center.
    - iv. Liaison Davis IV shared there are Election Forums happening. They are taking place October 5, 2023 at 7 at F. Scott Fitzgerald and October 12, 2023, from 12-1 at Rockville Senior Center.
    - v. Budget Survey
- III. Co-Chair Report

- a. University of Maryland, Maryland Municipal League (MML), Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) host the Academy of Excellence which HRC Commissioners have access to join, if they would like.
  - i. <https://spp.umd.edu/your-education/executive-development/state-and-local-government/academy-excellence-local-governance>

#### IV. Other Committee Reports

- a. Current Affairs
  - i. Weekly updates were ambitious goal, bi-weekly updates, finalizing process draft.
  - ii. Meeting coming up on Friday.
- b. Montgomery County Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation (MCCR)R
  - i. Rev. Dr. Ruby Reese will be the keynote speaker for the marker installation which will take place on November 11, 2023. The flyer will be finalized and shared.
  - ii. Give space in October in the HRC meeting for the MCCR to come in and discuss.
  - iii. There was conversation around what the HRC could do regarding the Moses Cemetery since it is not in Rockville.
- c. MLK Jr. Planning
  - i. The planning group is working with the Special Events team to get more details regarding the MLK Jr annual remembrance event.

#### V. Other Business and Announcements

- a. Commissioner Frieder shared that Lincoln Park Community Center will be getting some public art and they are in the process of selecting what will go at the center.
- b. Commissioner Lin shared that the Rockville website will be undergoing a redesign and shared about a survey he received.
  - i. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rockvillewebsite>
- c. The next HRC meeting (October 25, 2023) will be starting at 6:30.

#### VI. Adjournment

- a. The Commission, upon motion Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Lin, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27.