

Borough of Carlisle
Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the restrictions of social distancing put in place due to Covid-19.

Present at the meeting: Commission members Safronia Perry, Carlos Rojas-Gaona, Wanda Hunter, Officer Rucinsky, Borough Manager Armstrong and Borough Secretary Stone.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Commission voted 3-0 to approve the February 2, 2021 Human Relations Commission meeting minutes with suggested edits by Wanda Hunter.

II. Commission Member Update – Susan Armstrong

- Vacancies: Two vacancies existed due to the resignation of Nancy Gregor and James Hamblin.
- Board Nominations: Borough Manager Armstrong recommended waiting until the next HRC meeting to consider nominations for a chair and vice-chair.
- Alternate Commission McKenzie Clark will be appointed by Borough Council as a commission member.

III. Outreach

Wanda Hunter noted she attended the Asian American Pacific event that was very well attended.

Safronia Perry remarked the Juneteenth Celebration is scheduled for June 19th in Memorial Park. There was discussion with the HRC members to plan to have a display table at the event.

Susan Armstrong provided an overview of the number of recovery strategies the Borough implemented during the COVID pandemic.

IV. Municipal Equality Index (MEI)

- a. Carlisle was chosen to participate in the 2021 MEI Standards by the Human Rights Campaign. There was discussion on the reviewing the present scores and how they could be improved.

V. Next Meeting Date:

- a. Date for Commission approval: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

VI. Announcements

Officer Rucinsky reported the Borough has hired Nathan McDowell a new police officer for Carlisle. He noted that Chief Landis implemented the bike and foot patrol during every shift and remarked how it is a positive step in connecting with the citizens.

Borough Manager Armstrong spoke of the Building Bridges program that meets as a group once a month to assist in bridging the gap with getting information out to residents. They also discuss methods of how to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged citizens in Carlisle.

Wanda Hunter recommended the HRC discuss the 2022 Black History month events early to begin coordinating the HRC's representation.

Discussion of reprinting HRC brochures with a revision date listed was held. Joyce Stone will print new brochures with a revision date.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Sincerely,

Joyce Stone
Borough Secretary