

**Borough of Carlisle
Truth & Reconciliation Commission
October 11, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Emily Kelahan (co-chair), TaWanda Hunter-Stallworth (co-chair), Raff Donelson, Tristan Milazzo, Andrew Razanauskas, Dorene Wilbur, and Kendall Isaac.

Also present: Deputy Mayor Shultz, Stephanie Taylor and Nicole Meals

Ms. Hunter-Stallworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Ms. Hunter-Stallworth took a moment to comment and recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

Minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Mr. Razanauskas, seconded by Mr. Donelson.

Topics that were discussed:

✓ Research Working Group

Ms. Kelahan provided a brief summary on topics that were discussed: outline for the final report to be provided to Borough Council, preliminary discussion regarding the drafting of a RFP for a data analyst, relationship between the two working groups, individual passion projects and the process for setting meetings with others were the main topics.

Mr. Donelson suggested that the research working group recommend speakers to community engagement group who would then plan the event. Ms. Hunter-Stallworth agrees with that idea but stated the community engagement group may also have ideas for speakers.

✓ Community Engagement Working Group

Mr. Razanauskas questioned how TRC members should present themselves at community events. This was in response to Ms. Hunter-Stallworth's participation in the community day event being held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Memorial Park. Ms. Hunter-Stallworth did not identify her involvement with the TRC in the press release regarding the event. Ms. Kelahan and Mr. Donelson stated it is a matter of public record who is a member of the TRC and neither has a problem with other members identifying their participation in the TRC at public events.

A motion to approach Borough Staff in regards to purchasing polo shirts and name tags to identify TRC members was made by Mr. Donelson and seconded by Mr. Razanauskas. The motion carried with all in favor. Ms. Hunter-Stallworth will approach Borough Manager Susan Armstrong with the request.

The community engagement working group also discussed the possibility of hosting either in person or zoom events two times a month. One event would possibly host a speaker and a second one would be held to get community feedback.

✓ Replacement Commissioner Progress

Deputy Mayor Shultz announced that Ms. Hunter-Stallworth and Ms. Kelahan will be involved in zoom interviews on Tuesday, October 12th to interview two potential replacement candidates for the TRC. The intent is to select a replacement that Borough Council could approve at their meeting on October 14, 2021. All commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Isaac for his time and expertise that he provided to the TRC.

✓ New Business

Mr. Donelson announced he will be resigning from the TRC on May 31, 2022. He has accepted a position in Chicago.

Ms. Kelahan invited public comments.

Ms. Emily Farley, a historian from Dickinson College, offered her help in researching information for the TRC. She is currently researching the history of segregation in Carlisle and would be willing to research any topic the TRC is in need of.

The next Truth and Reconciliation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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