

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

MINUTES of the January 30, 2018 Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mari Lee. An invitation was extended to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, David Kaye, Francisco Alves, Michael Baran, Irene Paker-Halsey, Christine Isleib, Gene Stanton, Roger Sobkowiak, and Marguerite Vacca-Kaye. Liaisons present were: Jessica Fitzwater, Jet Reid, Lt. Joe Hayer and Ben MacShane.
- III. The October 2017 HRC meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by vote with no corrections with a motion by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and 2nd by Lisa Clark.
- IV. Comments from Law Enforcement
 - Lt. Hayer joined the HRC for his first meeting after taking over Lt. Tokarz's position. He is a 17 year veteran with the City of Frederick Police Department. He will now be preparing the annual report for the HRC.
- V. Officer Reports
 - Mari Lee reported that at the Executive Committee meeting on January 9, 2018, the members discussed the agenda for this meeting. Mari Lee reported that the next Executive Committee meeting on February 13, 2018 will be held at the Public Library. The rest of the Executive Committee meetings will be held at Public Safety Training Facility through August due to elevator repairs at Winchester Hall. The regular meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd floor of Winchester Hall the last Tuesday of each month.
 - Annette Breiling reported the balance in the HRC account is \$3,998.00.
 - The Community Relations Committee will be discussing part 2 of the Conversation on Race. Part 1 was called OUCH, the energy in the room was good. There was fair attendance. Michael Baran has some ideas how to increase the attendance and he will talk with Marguerite Vacca-Kaye about them.
 - The IRC will be discussing the Fair Housing Presentation and presenting the new HRC power point to the City of Frederick NACs at their next meeting.
 - Government Relations Committee - The committee will be meeting in February and will have a report at the March meeting.
- VI. Liaison Reports
 - Jessica Fitzwater thanked Miles and Mari for sitting on the Human Trafficking Task Force. The final report was completed and presented to the County Council. She

expressed excitement that Frederick County is almost in front of it happening in this county. Pat Fleet will send the report to the HRC members.

- Jet Reid reported what he knew about the incident at the recent girls basketball game between Linganore and Frederick High Schools. The incident is still under investigation, they are still proceeding with fact finding. He also reported that the State of Maryland revised the regulations for suspensions so the numbers will go down because of those changes.

VII. Old Business

- Mari Lee will send the accomplishments page from the HRC power point to be reviewed by the members since it was a revision to the presentation.
- David Kaye will reach out to Michelle Bowman to see if the HRC presentation can be presented at the next NAC 4 meeting by Mari Lee.
- Mari Lee reminded everyone to let Pat Fleet know when committee meetings are scheduled and follow up with a written report after each meeting.
- The Human Rights Lunch was a success. Adam Book did a great job and so did the speakers.
- Mari Lee reminded everyone of the practice of presenting items for the HRC members to consider. If it is not an immediate issue, it should be presented at the Executive Committee meeting before being presented to the entire HRC membership.

VIII. New Business

- The awards banquet will be held on April 25; everyone was reminded to sell tickets, ads and scholarships. Also nominations are being accepted for the Theodore W. Stephens Lifetime Achievement Award, Lord D. Nickens Community Service Award, Human Relations Award and the Claire S. Knight Youth Achievement Award. Award winners for the past 5 years will be posted on the website as well as all of the forms needed to promote the event. Irene Parker-Halsey said that she sent some information she put together regarding Award Criteria last year. Mari will try to find the document.
- The HRC retreat will be held on April 7, 2018 from 8:30am – 1:00pm. It will be held at the Public Safety Training Facility.

IX. Those attending who chose to do so made brief final comments.

X. Upcoming HRC Events:

HRC Retreat – April 7, 2018 – Public Safety Training Facility

Human Relations Banquet – April 25, 2018 Dutch's Daughter

XI. The meeting was adjourned.