



**Human Relations Commission
Meeting Notes**

January 25, 2021 7:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting
West Orange NJ 07052

1. Call to order 7:04 (Shannon Gattens)

A quorum is present.

Shannon Gattens, Alex DeRonde, Pat West, Dagmar Hobson, David Jones, Joyce Harley, Shakira Adams

Guests: Maria Vera, Akil Khalfani, Councilwoman Cindy Matute-Brown

2. Acceptance of minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission
Alex motions to approve, Dagmar seconds Joyce and Shakira abstain
motion passes.

3. Report from the Chairperson (n/a)

4. Old business

Welcome and intro- new Commissioners

MLK Event Review

- Joyce likes the montage to highlight past events. Shows what the HRC does.
- Dagmar- sometimes we forget the good work we do, this was a good reminder. Zoom allowed people to come who might not have come otherwise.
- NOTE: continue to make it accessible.
- Pat- We should think about how to bring more people into events. Opps to get people to work interactively with Zoom calls. Editing needs to be a little more professional- smoother transitions.
- Include recipient name and year of the award.
- Alex- happy with the presentation. Jubilee- more information about what the format was going to be. In the chat were a lot of questions about why people weren't wearing masks, etc. (perhaps put the date of the actual event at the bottom of the screen to show it was a past event). Mercedes from Fogon Latino was not able to respond to the event as she had family issues. It wasn't quite clear why

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people received the awards. Send information to Shari about the recipients with information about why they won the award (include business name and name of people).

(Perry- can guide what we can do for the website. Also, reach out to the chair of the PRC- Josie?)

Honoring Joe Suriano

- Dagmar said didn't feel like Joe Suriano was given enough time in the presentation. Put something on the website that honors his impact.
- Joyce and Dagmar will work on gathering more information to include on the website.
- Pat suggested that perhaps the HRC could have "person of the year" and extend that into the community to let them know that we are looking for an HRC person of the year.
- This will be added to the agenda for Feb.

Ordinance and By Law change review

- Joyce- She was not convinced that things were captured to represent the community. She is still wordsmithing and will present.
- Ordinance is currently with the Township Council for first review. This will be presented at the Jan. 26th meeting.

5. New business

Review task force action items to identify priorities and assignments

Move to the next meeting. Breakout rooms.

Update on Zoom account

- Joyce and Akil showed concern for using the court account.
- Perhaps Cindy can ask why this cannot be done.
- \$149 up to 100 people. All commissions could use.

Approval for MLK Expenses \$58.14 for pizza and certificates

Alex motions Joyce seconds Motions passes

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6. Other/Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment 8:28

Motion Joyce, Second Dagmar. Motion passes

Task	Assigned To	By When
Certify and send Mercedes from El Fogon Latino the certificate from the HRC event.	Shannon	Feb. meeting
Send information to Shari about the MLK recipients with information about why they won the award (include business name and name of people).	Shannon	Feb. meeting
Gather additional information to honor Joe Suriano	Dagmar/Joyce	Feb. meeting
Review Task Force Action Plan and determine priorities for discussion at the next meeting (2 per Individual/Community/Institution levels)	All Commissioners	Feb. meeting