

## Metuchen Human Relations Commission

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

### AGENDA

**Call Meeting to order at 7:30 PM sharp:** Hazel-Anne Johnson & Nicole Blankiet

**Welcome to any members of the public/public comment:** Hazel-Anne Johnson & Nicole Blankiet

**Review & Approval of April minutes:** Asela Mourao

**Report from the Council Liaison:** Sheri-Rose Rubin

**Comments sent from the public:** Hazel-Anne Johnson

#### Old Business and Next Steps:

- BOE Updates: Ben Small
- 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Training Workshop update.
  - Hazel-Anne: Schedule, Training, Survey
  - Nicole Update: D&I Needs assessment survey distribution to BBB / Le Tip
  - Richard Update: Sticker Design
- HRC Website update: Google form, photos, resources, Instagram, borough website (share our events e.g., World Day & provide feedback to borough administrator). Twitter?
- Book Club/Speaker Series update - Leah
  - Next meeting – August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019?
  - Ethel Brooks, Rutgers Professor & Metuchen resident to speak at November 13<sup>th</sup> book club event.
- Metuchen World Day – Update HRC Attendees / Schedule, Microphone, Food, Activities: Reena
- Ordinance to add additional Commission members Update: Sheri-Rose
- Grant Speaker Discussion

#### New Business

- Yoga at the Plaza on June 23<sup>rd</sup> celebration to honor International Yoga Day (UN). Organizers would like HRC to write something up about its significance, or yoga on the HR/UN perspective: Asela
- Country Fair (October) – Lead & Sub committee
- Winter Parade (November) – Lead & Sub committee
- Human Rights Day (December) including Grant Speaker – Lead & Sub committee
- Father Zellely – Lead (January 2020) – Update New Hope Baptist MLK event in Metuchen for MLK Day.

#### Upcoming Meeting/Important Dates

- Metuchen World Day – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Interfaith Ramadan Dinner – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
- Yoga at the Plaza June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
- Book Club Speaker Series – August 7<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### Current Commission Members

1. Nicole Blankiet	2. Sophie Falkenstein	3. Richard Green, III
4. Leah Jiorle	5. Hazel-Anne Johnson	6. Kevin McPeek
7. Asela Mourao	8. Ozair Omarzai	9. Sheri-Rose Rubin
10. Ben Small	11. Jordan Valiquette	12. Reena Wade
13. Ed Zellely	14. *Intern: Rob Facchini	