

AMBLER BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC) MINUTES

January 4, 2023

The first 2023 quarterly meeting of the HRC was held Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:30pm at Borough Council Chambers located at 131 Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, PA, 19002. This was a regularly scheduled, routine, quarterly meeting.

Denise Valerio, HRC chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Present: Ms. Denise Valerio, Ms. Marilyn Frasier, Ms. Katie Kirszenblat, Ms. Trelana Adams

First order of business: review and approval of last meeting's minutes - Ms. Kirszenblat motioned to approve; Ms. Frazier seconded, motion carried.

The following was reviewed:

1. This commission would like to recognize the Ms. Anna Lee Lapinski for her 6 years of service to the Ambler HRC. Ms. Lapinski resigned effective the end of December 2022 and this commission thanks her for her contribution.

2. This commission discussed the member vacancy and strategies to identify potential future member(s).

3. Update on t-shirts for members - Ms. Adams and Ms. Kirszenblat met prior to this meeting to come up with three logo options that this commission could use for t-shirts, marketing materials, etc. to present to this commission today. After review, collaboration and editing, this commission voted to approve a logo and self-fund (materials and labor) the production of t-shirts to have for any upcoming borough events. Ms. Frazier motioned to approve; Ms. Adams seconded, motion carried.

4. Upcoming Community Events:

- The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, PUSH event on 1/6/23

- Tri-State Human Relations Coalition's next meeting scheduled for 1/11/23 at 5:30pm via zoom

- The 1st Annual HRC Summit event to be held in Upper Gwynedd on 1/19/23 at 6:30pm

5. Upcoming opportunities for Borough Involvement

- Ambler EAC EarthFest, date TBD

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Valerio will make copies of the flier used to distribute to local businesses for Ms. Kirszenblat to continue to distribute in the borough. Ms. Kirszenblat and Ms. Adams will

work together to produce the t-shirts that this commission voted to produce for upcoming events. Ms. Valerio will be in touch with the Ambler EAC to learn more about participation in the upcoming EarthFest scheduled for April. Ms. Valerio and Ms. Frazier plan to attend the HRC Summit and the Tri-States Human Relations Coalition meeting and will report back to this commission at the next meeting. All members of this commission are tasked with exploring their local networks for potential recommendations for the vacant member spot on the commission. The potential members should be invited to the next quarterly meeting to meet the active members and learn more about the commission.

Future meetings will be held the first Wednesday at 6:30PM in 2023, in the following months:

April 5, 2023

July 5, 2023

October 4, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting or other business. Ms. Kirszenblat moved the meeting to be adjourned; Ms. Frazier seconded, motion carried.

Katie Kirszenblat
HRC Panel Member / Secretary