

## AMBLER BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC) MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

The fourth 2024 quarterly meeting of the HRC was held Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6:30pm at Borough Hall 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 Frazier, Ms. Katie Kirszenblat, Ms. Wingfield, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Adams

First order of business: Introduction of the newest HRC member, Mr. Bruce Anderson.

This commission then reviewed and approved of last meeting's minutes - Ms. Adams motioned to approve; Ms. Frazier seconded, motion carried.

### The following was reviewed:

#### 1. Old Business:

- This commission vacancy has been filled as of September 2024 after Borough Council approved resume and letter of interest

- Update regarding the complaint filed to this commission in January 2024: Ms. Valerio reached out to the complainant to check in – The respective union and council are working to resolve and an EEOC complaint has also been filed by the complainant.

- Tri-State Human Relations – the survey that the Tri-States HRC has asked the individual groups to complete was submitted on behalf of this commission by Ms. Valerio – the Tri-State HRC is still working on tabulating results and will report back; members of this commission were unable to attend the last Tri-State meeting and will plan to attend the next schedules permitting.

- Starting in June 2025, this commission will plan to take over the responsibility of planning the flag raising events. Currently, the flags are being held at the Borough Hall main office. Ms. Valerio will plan to coordinate with Mayor Sorg for this commission to obtain them. The commission discussed other potential opportunities for flag recognition events and the consensus for the first year of this takeover is to focus on Pride and Juneteenth and how to improve attendance and impact (materials, advertising, etc.)

#### 2. New Business:

- Ms. Valerio met with an Ambler resident on 7/30/24 to discuss the filing of a potential complaint. After their discussion and careful consideration, the resident decided against filing a formal complaint at this time and are happy to know that the HRC is present in the borough if needed.

- Ms. Valerio spoke with a member of the Upper Dublin HRC regarding an upcoming event on 10/17/24. The focus of the event is understanding and supporting the trans community. Members of this commission plan to attend.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members of the commission welcome the addition of Mr. Anderson. Dates for routine meetings were proposed and approved for the next calendar year. This commission will look forward to new opportunities in 2025 and how to be more present and impactful in the borough.

Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday at 6:30PM in 2025, in the following months:

January 8, 2025

April 2, 2025

July 2, 2025

October 1, 2025

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Katie Kirszenblat HRC Panel Member / Secretary