

AMBLER BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC) MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

The first 2024 quarterly meeting of the HRC was held Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 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 Frazier, Ms. Katie Kirszenblat, Ms. Wingfield and Ms. Adams

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

The following was reviewed:

1. Old Business:

- This commission is still looking for a new member to fill the active vacancy
- Ms. Valerio was going to meet with Karen, a community member who works at Wissahickon Middle School and provides support to the LGBTQIA+ community there – this meeting still needs to be rescheduled
- Circling back to the 2024 Rotary grant – Ms. Valerio will inquire about what the funds can be used for and will work on this grant application
- 2024 Borough Budget – Ms. Valerio will follow up with Borough Council Manager, Mary Aversa, to determine what/if funds were approved

2. New Business:

- Ms. Valerio attended a 1.5hr educational zoom training on 12/6/23 on housing rights and barriers which was presented by the PA utility Project in Philadelphia. This group can be used as a resource should a complaint regarding housing arise.
- Tri-State Human Relations Coalition's meeting: Unfortunately, none of our members were able to participate in the most recent meeting but will plan to do so on-going as schedules permit
- EarthFest 2024: Ms. Kirszenblat will reach out to the Ambler EAC to find out the date of the next event so this commission can plan attendance/participation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the commission will follow up with the community members who are interested in learning more about the commission and invite them to the next meeting. Ms. Valerio will re-schedule the meeting with Karen from Wissahickon Middle School Ms. Valerio will work on the Rotary grant and explore how it could support this commission and will follow-up with Borough Council on funds allocated for this calendar year. Ms. Kirszenblat will contact the Ambler EAC to find out details about their

upcoming event. Members of this commission will continue to participate in multi-region meetings as their schedules allow.

Future meetings will be held the first Wednesday at 6:30PM in 2024, in the following months:

April 3, 2024

July 3, 2024

October 2, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Katie Kirszenblat HRC Panel Member / Secretary