

## **Human Relations Commission Meeting**

**January 23, 2024 | 6:30 P.M.**

**Via Zoom**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The January 2024 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order with the following members of the commission in attendance: David Devore, Donna Fann Boyle, James Henderson, Alexander Kaback, David Tilli and Rachel Zinman. Namish Siddiqui was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Supervisor Bernadette Hannah and Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 28, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous vote on motion of Mr. Kaback with a second by Mr. Tilli.

#### **3. Upcoming Events/Proclamations**

Ms. Teoli Kuhls reported that the Board of Supervisors will proclaim February as Black History Month. She also led discussion about HRC attendance/participation in the March meeting for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The meeting will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Henderson indicated he would be able to participate via Zoom.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls also reported that she was working with PHRC to bring the "Beloved Community" tour to Middletown Township. Ms. Fann Boyle noted that other HRCs should be invited to the event.

Ms. Fann Boyle encouraged the group to consider participation in the Bucks County Culture Fest which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There was consensus among the group to participate. Ms. Fann Boyle noted that she would share information with the group on the event.

#### **4. Other Business**

##### **Subcommittee Reports – Anti-racism Subcommittee**

Mr. Devore reported on the December meeting that included the following recommendations and ideas:

- Designation of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.
- Development of a plan for an art exhibition at the Township Building.
- Invitation to the police department to present to the HRC to discuss antisemitism and hate

crimes.

- Make connection with local libraries to set up a table regarding Jewish culture and Native culture.
- Meeting with Peace Center and other HRCs.

### **Subcommittee Reports – Disability Awareness Subcommittee**

Mr. Henderson reported on the January meeting of the group that included discussion of:

- Utilizing the township podcast for promotion of disability awareness.
- Disability Employment Awareness month in October.
- Utilizing the township's communication channels to promote disability awareness.

Mr. Henderson shared a link to an article that featured his story. Ms. Teoli Kuhls explained that she would add a link to the article on the HRC page on the Township website.

### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.