

## **Human Relations Commission Meeting**

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

**Via Zoom**

### **Minutes**

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

The April 2024 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order with the following members of the commission in attendance: Donna Fann Boyle, James Henderson, Alexander Kaback, Namish Siddiqui. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls and Parks and Recreation Program Specialist Nicole Tener.

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

The minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous vote on motion of Mr. Kaback with a second by Ms. Fann Boyle.

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

Mr. Kaback led discussion about the PHRC Beloved Community Tour being cancelled and the group expressed their disappointment. Ms. Teoli Kuhls reported that she was in contact with the PHRC to decide on a potential reschedule for the event, but there was no update as of this meeting.

Mr. Kaback reported that the group is prepared for the Bucks County Culture Fest. Ms. Tener and Mr. Kaback were coordinating the pickup of materials. Ms. Fann Boyle requested that they purchase a shirt to be raffled off at the event. Ms. Teoli Kuhls granted permission for her to order the shirt and submit it for reimbursement.

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

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

Ms. Fann Boyle reported on the April meeting that included the following recommendations and ideas:

- A sign-up sheet to bring to the Bucks County Culture Fest to identify individuals who would like to be notified about upcoming Middletown HRC related events.
- Writing a letter to the library to help with education on each month (Jewish American Heritage, Pride, Black History, Developmental Disabilities Awareness, etc.)

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

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Kaback reported on the April meeting of the group that included discussion of:

- Middletown HRC branded shirts for them to wear at events like Bucks County Culture Fest and the PHRC Beloved Community Tour. Ms. Tener reported that a company, Woods Wear, could do it for a reasonable price and shared that she would reach out to them for exact pricing.
- Disability posterboards with QR codes to share Mr. Henderson's seminar and his Breaking Barriers article.
- Middletown HRC branded business cards to hand out at events/social gatherings.
- Speaking with the school boards and the Education Department to discuss concerns about Disability History not being taught in local schools.

## 5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.