April 13, 2023,

Minutes of March 9, 2023

Human Rights Commission

MINUTES

Chair
Curtis O. Porter
Vice Chair
Evelyn BruMar
Parliamentarian
Ramunda Young

Members
William Johnston
Dr. Erika Laos
Padreus D. Pratter
Aaron Muz
Benjamin Baldwin
Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

Present: Commissioners, Benjamin Baldwin, Padreus Pratter, Aaron Muz, Victor Ginoba, William Johnston, Ramunda Young, Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chair and Curtis Porter, Chair, Director Raul Torres, Shelia Venning, and Tiffany Jones. There were no citizens present. Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Citizens Time

• No public comment.

Old Business

• Minutes of March 9, 2023, were approved (Baldwin /Pratter-second)

New Business

• Several students from Cohort 7 presented before the Commission on issues related to Civil and Human Rights.
• Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize the month of April as Fair Housing Month (Johnston moved/Baldwin-second) Resolution passed 8/0 - 1 absent.
• Motion to dissolve VAHR (BruMar moved/Pratter second) – Motion failed 3/5
• Motion to make a decision on the future of VAHR after the other jurisdictions have weighted in. (Young moved/Ginoba second) passed 8-0

30 Years of Eliminating Discrimination and Establishing Equal Opportunity
Committee Reports

Student Leadership Council
- The Graduation for Cohort 7 will be held on March 27th at 6pm in the Auditorium at the Ferlazzo building.
- SLC will start recruiting in October for Cohort 8.

Unity in the Community
- On February 19th EJ Scott made a presentation about the historic Liberty Street in Manassas for Black History Month.
- Unity in the Community is working on obtaining the license to create a play or video of Ann Frank meeting Emmit Til. This is currently in discussion.

VAHR
- The Chair has reached out to the members of VAHR to determine whether the association should continue or be dissolved.

Racial Social Justice Commission (RSJC)
- The Racial Social Justice meeting will be held March 16th.
- The commission is working on finalizing the report to be presented to the BOCS.

PWC Jail Board
- Nothing to report; Next meeting will be held March 15th.

Director's Report
- Commissioners names and photos have all been updated on the HRC website.
- Request confidentiality forms to be signed by the new commissioners and returned to the office.
- On March 18th the office will host a Webinar – “Re-Entry - The Prince William County Way”.
- Request that all commissioners be responsive in their communication with office staff.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Victor Ginoba – Nothing to report

William Johnston – Noticed there has been an increase in crime in the county.

Padresus Pratter – Let’s pray for students that are dealing with mental health issues.

Aaron Muz – Enjoy every year when the SLC students come to present before the commission.

Benjamin Baldwin – Thanked office staff for the Orientation and Ordinance training; happy to be part of the commission.

Ramunda Young – Thanked the staff for all their hard work; Happy Women’s History Month
**Evenly BruMar** – Today is National Crab Meat Day; March 8th was Holi (Hindi Festival) and International Woman's Day; It has come to the attention of CASA BruMar that members of their community are being attacked because of their gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation; Nominated to be one of Prince William County most influential woman.

**Curtis Porter** – Congratulations to Commissioners Young and BruMar for being nominated to be one of PWC most influential woman; Advised the commissioners to refer all complaints/concerns of discrimination to the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

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**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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