

July 9, 2020

Board Chambers

Human Rights Commission

MINUTES

Chair

Curtis O. Porter

Vice Chair

Ramunda Young

Parliamentarian

Dr. Susan Holly

Members

William Johnston

Mohammad Usman

Evelyn BruMar

Dr. Erika Laos

Tonya James

LaTonsha "LT" Pridgen

Present: Commissioners Curtis Porter, William Johnston, Ramunda Young, Evelyn BruMar, LaTonsha "LT" Pridgen, Director Raul Torres, Manager Shelia Venning, Admin Crystal Athan, and one (4) citizens: Heidi BruMar, Lisa Shea, Ray Woodrick, and Stacey Allen. Chair Curtis Porter called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Citizens Time

- Lisa Shea from Immigrants First PLLC and Heidi BruMar addressed the commission.

Old Business

- Minutes of June 11, 2020 were approved (Young-moved/Johnston-seconded).

Committee Reports

Student Leadership Council

- The Cohort currently plans to meet in person and there is a contingency plan for virtual learning. Cohort is dependent on the School Board decision on July 15.
- There will be a decision on how to proceed with the student presentations in a few months. (possibly Sept)

Unity in the Community

- Planning for International Day of Prayer event on September 20. There is a meeting every two weeks via Zoom.

Director's Report

- The county ordinance was amended for the following protected classes: Veteran Status, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation. Updated to align with the Virginia Human Rights Act.
- Fair Housing testing was conducted in the western end of the county. There were 60 tests were administered with only two (2) issues of discrimination found. There will not be funds for testing in 2021.

- On June 16, the BOCS approved the equity initiative on to implement equity in PWC. Woodbridge supervisor would like to add a Racial Justice Taskforce with a main focus on the following three areas: education, police and county government.

Consideration for Public Hearing

- There was a conciliation in this case and it was brought to the commission to consider a approval. Settlement was approved in this case. (Johnston-moved/BruMar-seconded).

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Johnston – Begin the preparation for Universal Human Rights Day Program.

Ramunda Young – Presenters from the Adult Detention Center and the local chapter of Black Lives Matter.

Curtis Porter – Stafford possibly creating a Human Rights Commission. Renaming of two schools in Prince William County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS
Work with staff to respond to HRSLC students on their presentations before the commission	Commissioners James and Dr. Laos		

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR July 2020

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	2		
Housing		1	
Public Accommodation	1		
Education		1	
Credit			
TOTAL			19