

October 8, 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, Ramunda Young, William Johnston, Evelyn BruMar, Tonya James, Director Raul Torres, Manager Shelia Venning, Admin Crystal Athan, and one (1) citizen: Heidi BruMar. Chair Curtis Porter called the meeting to order at 8:14 pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of September 10, 2020 were approved (Young-moved/James-seconded).

### **New Business**

- Commissioner James made recommendations from the Student Leadership Council Cohort 4 presentations. Chair would like a response to students of Cohort 4. (James-motion/Johnston-seconded).
- VAHR conference is scheduled for October 17, 2020 via Zoom. Commissioner Laos will send email to commission and staff with further details.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Unity in the Community**

- The International Day of Prayer event was held virtually on September 20, 2020 via Zoom and the Chair provided a video on behalf of the Human Rights Commission.

#### **Universal Human Rights Day**

- Email soliciting nominations will be sent out by October 21<sup>st</sup>. Nominations will be due on November 30. UHRD Nomination Committee will make recommendations to the full commission for a final vote at the December HRC meeting.
- UHRD Committee will consider holding a hybrid or virtual program in January 2021.

## Director's Report

- Will make presentation to the Board of County Supervisors on the Social Justice Taskforce that was proposed by Supervisor Franklin.
- An Equity & Inclusion Policy draft is being discussed by the leadership team. There will be presentations to stakeholders in January-February 2021, with implementation to follow in the Spring.
- Interviews are taking place for a new Police Chief that consists of a diverse panel.
- The county announced the new Human Resources director as Joe Gilkerson.
- A new department was created, Facilities and Fleet Management with director, Matt Villareale.
- The current self-response rate for the Census 2020 is at 76.7% compared to 72.1% from 2010. There are still a few weeks left of the Census 2020.
- The Human Rights Website has added a new tab to the website named "Documents." You can find agenda, minutes, resolutions, annual reports, news release and statements.
- The Jail Board voted and unanimously agreed to contact ICE only on inmates charged or convicted of felonies.
- We are currently working on two Fair Housing issues with Supervisors Lawson and Vega.

## COMMISSIONER'S TIME

William Johnston – Proposed to the UHRD Committee to invite Congressman Robert Wittman as a guest speaker.

Evelyn BruMar – You can dial 211 for information and resources within the county.

Ramunda Young – There is a meeting for the Governor's Council on Women on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:00 pm via WebEx. More information will be emailed out to Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

## ACTIONABLE ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

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

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	1		
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			20