

Human Relations Commission Meeting
November 17, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Bernadette Hannah-Barone called the zoom meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The following members of the commission were present: Bernadette Hannah-Barone, David Devore, Kathleen Chalmers, Donna Boyle and James Henderson. Also, in attendance was Executive Assistant to the Township Manager, Ashley Casey.

2. Review Critical Race Theory (CRT) Definition

At the last HRC meeting the group defined Critical Race Theory. A minor change was made and the members agreed on the definition and the change.

3. Discuss Possible Up Coming Outreach Opportunities

Ms. Hannah-Barone surveyed the group to see if anyone had any ideas for an activity or craft for the Township Holiday Open house. Some suggestions were coloring pages, seek n finds, treats with possible stickers or HRC brochure attached, ornament/craft. The group agreed that they would like to meet at the Township building on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss their participation in the event.

Mr. Devore expressed that the HRC needs to work on goals and issues to focus on 2-3 achievable goals. Some group suggestions were discrimination (age/race) and disabilities. The discussion lead to what can the HRC do as a committee and become advocates for various issues. Ms. Boyle suggested organizing a zoom meeting so others can learn about the HRC and the group can have a discussion with the attendees.

Ms. Hannah-Barone suggested that the December HRC agenda should be about brainstorming about various awareness months and decide on a theme for each month. The group discussed about looking for different community events to attend each month and have an HRC table at the event.

4. New Business

Mr. Devore noted that he will draft a letter of support in regards to State Rep. Christopher Rabb of Philadelphia plans to unveil legislation that would prohibit using Native American imagery for mascots and logos.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.