

# **MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

## **Full Commission Meeting**

**Monday, October 5, 2009/3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**AG Building Conference Room**

**4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728**

### **Agenda**

**Attendance:** Myrna Bethke, Linda Zucaro, Howard Gases, David Cohen, Janice Sweeney, Julius Ramsey, Charles D. Brown III, Earl Teasley, Det. Dave D'Amico, Capt. Natalie Zuppa, Rosibel Gomez, Cecilia Reynolds, Keith Rella, Sherri West

- I. Call to Order – Salute to the Flag
- II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- Dave Cohen motioned to accept, Dave D'Amico seconded, and minutes were approved.
- III. Chair's Report- Earl discussed three items. He introduced Capt. Natalie Zuppa, now with the Prosecutor's Office and former Long Branch police officer. Dave D'Amico, who works with Capt. Zuppa, also mentioned that she is a former Commander of the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse division at the county level, and is committed to the interests of the Commission. Earl thanked Mr. Brown for his support in the 2010 budget, which Earl described as "lean," but sufficient to meet our needs. Dave Cohen submitted a list of 40 active New Jersey hate groups in 2009, gathered from the Spring 2009 Intelligence Report from the Southern Poverty Law Center, which will be attached to the minutes.
- IV. Treasurer's Report- Phil Smith was not present but will prepare a report for the next meeting.
- V. Core Team Reports
  - A. Police and Community Relations-Dave D'Amico announced that a meeting will take place on Oct. 7, 2009, at 3PM in the Ag Building Conference room to focus on the upcoming trainings conducted by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Chief Kinmon would like to remain the Chair, but, in the interim, George Corbin, will fill in for him.
  - B. Youth Awareness- Earl commented on his quest to have a representative from the Superintendent's office. Linda has agreed to chair in Pat Collum's stead, and reported on the September meeting, with another meeting scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9th at 4PM at the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church to discuss an upcoming spring workshop on the subject of "sexting" and cyberbullying. Via the Speaker's Bureau there is a request from Hamilton Township, Mercer County, to help them create or revive the Human Relations Commission in their school district.
  - C. Economic Issues- Sondra Cannon, chair, was not in attendance, but at the last meeting she mentioned outreach to the team to solicit their interest. Earl has asked them to discuss the prospect of a workshop in 2010.

**VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams**

- A. Membership-Leroy was not in attendance but per telephone has not made contact with the prospective members mentioned at the last meeting.
- B. Communications and Resource Development-No report, with the exception of some promotional material developed by Kay Guadagno's Resource Development Committee and used at the Latino Day Fair. Earl thanked Mr. Brown's office for providing the funds for the fliers. Dave D'Amico mentioned that the Latino Fair was a great success for the Prosecutor's Office, which shared space with the MCHRC and other county agencies. Cecilia thanked the Commission for their support.
- C. Incident Response and Reporting-No incidents reported.
- D. Immigration Working Group-a meeting was held on Sept. 22. Sherri West reported that the group continues to gather information relative to the implementation of 287g, and are planning to invite representatives of the Sheriff's and Prosecutor's Departments to a future meeting. Cecilia reported on a situation developing in Ocean County concerning arrests of citizens and the abuse of current immigration laws. Dave D'Amico provided Cecilia with contacts in Ocean County, and further commented on the use of immigration policies, some of which run counter to the Attorney General's directives. Earl has sent a letter asking for the Sheriff or a designee to attend the November Executive meeting, along with appointing a member to the MCHRC.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Ad Hoc Committee to Review By-Laws- Janice Sweeney reported that the committee met on June 29, 2009, and reviewed the draft currently before the Commission. Committee members are Dave Cohen, Julius Ramsey, and Janice Sweeney. A discussion of the bylaws then ensued, after which Earl plans to circulate the changes for a broader discussion. Earl requested that all members look at the suggested revisions and make any recommendations for changes at the next meeting. Discussion will resume with Article V at the next meeting.
- B. Founders' Celebration- A Founder's Celebration committee has been formed and includes Lolita Jacobs, Kay Guadagno, Dave D'Amico, Sondra Cannon, Earl Teasley, Luis Valentin's representative (Anita White- Gillyard), Cecilia Reynolds, Angel Quiles, Bob Honecker. The specific date has not been set, but the preferred time is April 2010.

**VIII. New Business-No new business was discussed.**

**VIII. Calendar**

- a. Next Full Commission Meeting – December 7, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
- b. Next Executive Committee Meeting – November 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment-Motion by Dave D'Amico, seconded and approved.**

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary