

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010/3:30p.m. – **5:00 p.m.**

AG Building Conference Room

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Sherri West, Earl Teasley, Philip Smith, Sondra Cannon, Linda Zucaro, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Ruth Lax, Kay Guadagno, Lolita Jacob, Ricky Pierce, Rosa G. Lee, Julius D. Ramsey.

- I. Call to Order – Salute to the Flag at 3:30pm.
- II. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes- Minor corrections were made to the December minutes, and Earl drew attention to the fact that the April, July, September, and December meetings have been moved to the second Monday to accommodate holidays. Sondra Cannon approved Minutes approved.
- III. Chair’s Report- Members introduced themselves to our new member, Ruth Lax, representing the National Council of Jewish Women, Central Jersey section. Earl commended Carolyn and Linda regarding their chairing of the January meeting in Earl’s absence. Earl was in Trenton, New Jersey, to discuss the passage of in- state tuition for undocumented immigrants. He entered testimony on the alternatives for prospective students given the problems for undocumented students attending public colleges. While a political issue, Earl addressed the human relations concerns over access to education. Following the testimony Earl was interviewed by the *Asbury Park Press* about Dr. King’s legacy being fulfilled, to which Earl replied, “the dream is still alive but not fulfilled for everyone. While we’ve made many strides, we need to work to further Dr. King’s goals.” Earl also stated that he wants to appoint a small task force of three people to focus on the Core Teams—their function, purpose, and future. With two of the three core teams not functioning, we need help to revive or revise them.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Phil did not have anything new to report but plans to get a report from Louise, who is completing a year- end report for 2009. We still do not have confirmation of our 2010 budget. Earl mentioned one expense, Martin Luther King breakfast, with another, a bus to transport front- line police to a workshop at the Simon Wiesenthal Museum.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness
 1. Presentation of Speakers – Linda introduced the speakers, Kayci and Kendall Baldwin, of Teen Project Race. They gave a presentation on their organization, the youth division of Project Race. This organization advocates for a multiracial classification on all government forms, and continued dialogue on multiracial issues. They recommended assisting districts in setting up HRCs or establishing a countywide youth commission, which they preferred because they felt it could sponsor collaborative projects in

establishing tolerance and develop action plans that would improve race relations. They suggested partnering with the Princeton Prize program on race, or to sponsor an annual essay contest, and granting awards to programs that have initiated projects. They answered questions from the members.

2. Other Business - Linda discussed our two projects—the educator’s workshop on April 16, 2010, and the development of a human rights commission guide for school districts. The next meeting is on Feb. 10, 2010, at 3:30pm at the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church.

B. Police and Community Relations - Earl distributed fliers describing the March 10, 2010, program for police which Det. Dave D’Amico will advertise to Monmouth County departments. Earl will send the list of past towns which have participated to Sherri West to include in this month’s minutes.

C. Economic Issues - Earl voiced a concern about legislation posted eliminating COAH sponsored by Sen. Lesniak. Linda mentioned the activities of the Monmouth A-Team to oppose the elimination of COAH.

VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams

A. Membership - Linda mentioned that Dr. Bill George, from the County Superintendent, will be the replacement for Pat Collum, who will remain as a member of the Youth Core Team, but documentation needs to be presented. Updating of the membership is also ongoing, based on our by-laws and that of the Freeholders. Missing four full commission meetings can justify removal from the MCHRC. Earl asked Sherri to develop a list of those members that have not attended any of the last four full commission meetings and this list will be discussed at the next Executive meeting. (See Attached Attendance Report for 2009)

B. Communications - No report.

C. Incident Response and Reporting - No report.

D. Immigration Working Group - No report.

E. Resource - Kay Guadagno mentioned the upcoming Youth Core workshop where materials will be needed. Earl also asked Kay to have Fair materials ordered by April.

VII. Old Business

A. Ad Hoc Committee to Review By-Laws - Earl said that all have received the revised draft of the by-laws, and each member should do a careful reading of what has been presented.

B. Other Old Business - none reported.

VIII. New Business –

- 1. The call for volunteers to look carefully at the Core Team structure is imperative. Unless we have this discussion we can't settle on the by-laws.**
- 2. Linda discussed the Monmouth A- Team and their affiliation with another housing network in New Jersey, but it requires dues of \$100 to continue.**
- 3. Sherri West mentioned the Brookdale effort via the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education Center to support a Valentine's Day effort in association with Freetheslaves.net**

VIII. Calendar

- a. Next Full Commission Meeting – April 12, 2010, 3:30 p.m., [2nd Monday]**
- b. Next Executive Committee Meeting – March 1, 2010, 3:30 p.m.**

VIII. Adjournment at 5:00pm.

Submitted by: Sherri West, Secretary

MCHRC Attendance 2009												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
NAME										x		
Bethke, Rev. Myrna				x		x						
Boatwright, Wayne												
Breckinridge, Chief Darryl												
Brown, Charles D. III			x			x			x	x		
Cannon, Sondra E.	x	x		x		x			x		x	x
Castillo, Manny										x		
Cohen, Hon. David*			x		x	x	x	x			x	
Collum, Patrick*												
D'Amico, Det. David			x	x		x		x	x	x		
Daniels, Dale												
Gases, Howard										x		
Gomez, Rosibel				x		x				x		x
Guadagno, Kathryn*	x	x	x		x	x		x				x
Hamlin, Jerry#												
Heine, Bill						x						
Hill, Leroy				x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Honecker, Robert A.												
Jacob, Lolita						x		x				
Jaffari, Fatima				x					x			
Kinmon, Chief Mark	x	x		x								
Lax, Ruth												
Lee, Rosa	x	x										
Lee, Ted	x	x		x								
Lefsky, Marty												
Mack, Toby Shylit				x								
Mallet, Amy#	x	x			x							
Morris, Carole Knopp#												
Pierce, Louise#						x						
Pierce, Rev. Ricky	x	x						x				x
Pierson, James T.				x		x						x
Quiles, Angel	x	x		x				x				
Rella, Keith	x	x	x			x				x		
Ramsey, Julius*			x			x	x	x		x	x	x
Reynolds, Cecilia								x		x		x

