

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2010/3:30p.m. – 5:00PM
AG Building Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Linda Zucaro, Phil Smith, Sherri West, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, J.P. Delaney, Sondra Cannon, Victoria Ramirez, Charles D. Brown, III, Inderjit Sawhney, Charanjit Sawhney.

- I. Call to Order – Salute to the Flag
- II. Approval of September 13, 2010 minutes—the minutes were approved, motion to accept by Linda Zucaro, seconded and approved.
- III. Chair’s Report-Comments will be given on various topics during the meeting.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report- Phil reported a balance of \$1327.05 as of 6/10/10, but there have been expenditures since then. Charles Brown reported a balance of approximately \$1200 on November 1, 2010. Every expense after October 1st must carry with it a rationale or it is subject to being denied. Mr. Brown needs the 2011 budget this week.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness – Linda reported on the workshop on Cyberbullying held on Oct. 22, 2010, with 65 attending. Pat Collum is compiling the evaluations from the workshop to be discussed at the team’s next meeting on Nov. 9, 2010, at 4:30PM at Brookdale, MAN 118. Kudos to Denise Vurchio, Bob Angelini, Keynote, Marie Gdula, and John Schwebel for their help in preparing the materials and as presenters. Members participating were Sherri West, Fatima Jaffari, Kay Guadagno, Pat Collum, Marty Lefsky, Ruth Lax, Kendall Baldwin, and Randy Thompson.
 - B. Police and Community Relations – Carolyn mentioned that the Brielle Police Chief, Coordinator of the DUI program, has been forwarding reports indicating the procedure used when DUI checks take place, and will continue to do so.
 - C. Economic Issues – Sondra Cannon reported that FERMRPA has been disbanded as the agency overseeing the Ft. Monmouth Redevelopment Plan and replaced by the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority. As a result of a suit brought by the Fair Share Housing Center, the courts threw out the affordable housing plan previously proposed because it did not follow the requirement of having a housing advisory committee and did not identify the number of units of affordable housing to be included. Under the new Authority a revised plan must be developed to provide housing opportunities for working families, senior citizens and people with special needs.
- VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams

- A. Membership – no report.
- B. Communications:
 - 1. Web page – no news to date. As of now, we have a connection with the country and the information is current. Future information will be sent to Mr. Heinein the Public Affairs Office to update the website, as Mr. Brown directed. John also suggested that if anyone wants any changes on the website, send the information to him. A brief discussion about materials to be included on the website took place.
 - 2. Facebook page for MCHRC? – Randy Thompson is leading this initiative and the Commission will continue to discuss this.
- C. Incident Response and Reporting- no report.
- D. Resource Development- no report, but Linda asked if the Commission has the funds for the Earl Teasley award, and this will be pursued. Charles needs the request in order to get the expenditure authorized as part of his overall budget.
- E. Immigration Working Group- There are new members of the group (Inderjit and Charanjit Sawhney), and Carolyn announced our co-sponsoring the Immigration workshop at Brookdale on Nov. 8, 2010, at 7PM in the Navesink rooms, and invited all members to attend.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Reorganization Study Committee- Sondra reported that comments from the retreat noted participation issues and top-three themes were: clear goals and objectives, meeting schedule and distribution of work, and streamlining the commission. Pat Collum, Ray Rodriguez, and Sondra met to examine the structure of the current council, comparing it with the model of New Jersey Human Relations Commission, which consists of two tiers, political appointees and an advisory board, selected by the council for a particular term. Sondra circulated a handout suggesting a similar model (see minutes). The purpose of the restructured design would be to enhance accountability and concentrate the efforts of members around specific issues. The question remains as to whether being aligned with the Criminal Justice system in the counties of New Jersey, and whether having members appointed would strengthen the group. A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the restructured model.
- B. Earl T. Teasley Humanitarian Award: Call for candidate nominations- Linda explained the purpose of the award and the guidelines and asked that this information be placed on the website. Committee members were asked to submit nominations for this year's award.
- C. 2011 Meeting Schedule was circulated and approved.

VIII. New Business

- A. Immigration Issues, 287(g): Rita Dentino, Casa Freehold- not able to make the meeting. Linda reported not being able to get more information from the Sheriff's Office or ICE, and suggested a letter from the Commission recommending that the Prosecutor send a letter to all police departments reminding them of the Attorney General's directive.

B. Other- Linda mentioned her work with the Monmouth A Team on affordable housing. The Fair Share Housing program, which brought suit against the Ft. Monmouth Redevelopment Committee, will join with the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, and anyone interested in attending the meeting can do so (Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, from 9- 2PM in Trenton) Linda also mentioned contributing to the second bus tour of affordable housing to take place in 2011 and requested a \$200 contribution. A motion was made to contribute the funds and was approved.

IX. Calendar

A. Next Full Commission Meeting: December 13. 2010 (Second Monday)

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting -January 10. 2011 3:30 p.m. (Second Monday)

X. Adjournment at 5:15PM

Submitted by: Sherri West, Secretary, corrected on 1/10/11