

## **MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Full Commission Meeting**

Monday, June 6, 2011 3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AG Building Conference Room

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Kendall Baldwin, Pat Collum, Jeff Delaney, Rosa Lee, Ted Lee, Reverend Ricky Pierce, Sr., Chanderjit Sawhney, Inderjit Sawhney, Philip Smith, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Chief John Sorrentino, Sherri West, Linda Zucaro.

- I. Call to Order at 3:33PM followed by the Salute to the Flag.
- II. The April 4, 2011, minutes were approved without any changes.
- III. Chair's Report – Carolyn commented on the Asbury Park Gay Pride Festival that took place on June 5, 2011, where the Commission participated along with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Carolyn also suggested holding a retreat similar to the one held several years ago for the purpose of defining the work of the Commission. She then thanked the current officers for their work and is eagerly awaiting the ideas of the new officers.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – No updated report, but Phil believes there is a balance of approximately \$2000 and will have the information for the next meeting, but will also send the file to Sherri to append to the Executive Committee agenda for the July meeting.
- V. Core Team Reports
  - A. Youth Awareness – Linda reported on the work on the fall workshop, "Is It Hate Speech or Just Trash Talk," to take place most likely on October 14, 2011. The next Core Team meeting will be August 8, 2011, and Pat Collum has agreed to chair the Team.
  - B. Police/Community Relations – Carolyn reported that Angel Quiles has withdrawn his offer to chair the team but agreed to participate as a member. Linda agreed to help him in that effort.
- VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams
  - A. Membership - At the May Executive Committee the removal of nonattending members was discussed: Howard Gases (Jewish Federation), Ray Rodriguez (retired from Monmouth University), Dale Daniels (Holocaust Center, Brookdale), Cecilia Reynolds (health reasons), Lolita Jacobs (Filipino nurses), and Toby Shylit-Mack, who wishes to continue, which was agreed to by the members. A vote was taken on the removal of the following nonattending members: Howard Gases, Ray Rodriguez, Cecilia Reynolds, Dale Daniels, and Lolita Jacobs. Approved unanimously.
  - B. Communications:
    1. Web page – John will update the web page and asked for any information that members would like to have included.
    2. Facebook page for MCHRC – The mockup of the page will be emailed to all before the next meeting.
  - C. Incident Response and Reporting – no reports in the past month.

- D. Resource Development – no report.
- E. Immigration Working Group – no report.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Monmouth County Fair – Phil reported that of the members called and emailed, 13 have agreed to participate, with 18 time slots to fill. Linda commented that we might not be able to support participation in the fair this year based on the number responding, and Phil concurred. Even if we do not participate this year, we may be able to join with the Prosecutor’s Office next year. Linda also suggested an annual calendar with Commission events noted to encourage greater participation in county- wide events. Inderjit made a motion to skip participation in the Fall this year, which was approved, and Phil will notify Charles Brown to withdraw our application.
- B. MCHRC and Monmouth County: relationship clarification – Carolyn commented on the apparent confusion about the Commission’s relationship to Monmouth County. We been trying to set up a meeting of principals, thanks to Keith Rella, aide to Freeholder Amy Mallet, and should have information at the next meeting.
- C. The Affordable Housing Bus Tour, to which the Commission contributed \$200 dollars, was well-attended by community and political leaders, but, sadly, relatively few municipal leaders were present. Randy Thompson, who now works with the New Jersey Board of Realtors, did attend and reported positively on the event.
- D. The American Council on Diversity Dinner, where the MCHRC was presented with an award, and Kendall commented on ongoing contact with the Ocean County Human Relations Commission. On June 16, 2011, Ocean and Union Counties will do a presentation on foreclosure.

VIII. New Business

- A. Election of Officers – Preceding the election, Linda Zucaro, on behalf of the Commission, presented a rose bush and handbag, along with profuse thanks, to Carolyn Schwebel for her constant dedication to the Commission. A motion to close nominations from the floor was made, and then the voting took place, counted and certified by Sherri West. 13 ballots were cast, and all officers were voted in unanimously. They are, as follows, Jeff Delaney, Chair; Sherri West, Vice Chair; Inderjit Sawhney, Treasurer; and Kendall Baldwin, Secretary. Jeff thanked the committee, and will have more to say at the next meeting. Each of the new officers spoke briefly. Phil urged a focus on expanding membership in the future, with one suggestion to have a consistent and active membership chair.

VIII. Calendar

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting –July 11, 2011 3:30 p.m.
- B Next Full Commission Meeting- August 1, 2011 3:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment at 4:15PM.

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary