

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Full Commission Meeting  
Monday, October 2, 2017, 3:30 – 5:00 PM  
County Agricultural Building, Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ

Attendance: Linda Zucaro, Ron Sopenoff, Sherri West, Ronen Newman, Chris Decker, Sondra Cannon, Jeff Schwartz, Ricky Pierce, Pat Collum, Rose Lee, Nina Anderson, Sonia Quiles; Guests: Donna and Eric Oberer, Rich Held, Gwen Love, Betsy Wattey, Petra Vanderven, Dina Mansour, Ellen Lichtig, Rita Dentino

I. The Call to Order took place at 3:38PM, followed by the salute to the flag and a moment of silence for the victims of the Los Vegas gun violence.

II. 3:30-4:30PM Program--“Immigration Concerns in Monmouth County”

Rita Dentino, Casa Freehold and Dina Mansour, NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice, presented on Immigration Concerns in Monmouth County. Key points: Monmouth Co. is one of four counties in NJ that has agreed to 287g for the County jail, DACA is scheduled to end on Oct. 5, and the future of the “dreamers” is uncertain. ICE is using some new methods to track undocumented immigrants including ankle bracelets and portable finger print machines. St. Thomas in Red Bank is establishing a sort of satellite of Casa Freehold. Communities may adopt “fair and welcoming” policies - as Red Bank has - which limit interaction with ICE.

Items which might be fruitful topics of discussion at a 2018 meeting would be: the possibility of revoking 287g, encouraging the county and municipalities to adopt fair and welcoming policies, consider assisting with distribution of the landlord cancellation letter which enables tenants to regain security money on vacating.

III. 4:30-5:00PM--Short Business Meeting

A. The August minutes were approved.

B. The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented. Balance available as of this date - \$978.27

C. Membership: Birgit Mondesir, Pilgrim Baptist Church, was voted in as a new member.

D. Following a brief discussion, the revised By-Laws were adopted as previously electronically distributed.

E. Announcements

1. A Nominating Committee, consisting of Nicoele Peguese, Pat Collum, and Jeff Schwartz, will report a slate of officers in time for a vote at the December meeting, which will be held Dec. 4th at the regular time and place. It will include a program on Black Lives Matter.

2. The process for handling donations to the Commission will be explained at a future meeting as Jeff Schwartz continues to try to get a definitive ruling.

IV. Adjournment

Submitted by Linda Zucaro