Abington Human Relations Commission

Minutes: April 4, 2018

In attendance: Joanne, Amy, Rosemary, John, Shelley.

Guest: Kelley Warner, Abington PD Deputy Superintendent

PA HRC Memo of Understanding:

Carl Summerson of PA HRC called Joanne to ask that the Abington HRC return the Memo of Understanding to the PA HRC. Joanne sent this to the Township Solicitor many months ago and they have not completed it as is required. Joanne contacted Mr. Manfredi to ask that it be done immediately and notified Mr. Summerson that she did so.

Membership of AHRC:

Meredith Gill is moving out of Abington and is resigning her position on the HRC effective immediately. She will come to next month’s meeting to say goodbye to the group. We want to honor her for her years of service and Joanne will contact Commission Lori Schreiber to set this in motion. We also need to put out a call for applicants for the open position. Joanne will update the letter we used last year and send it to the manager's office as well as all the commissioners. There needs to be a deadline of about a month after it goes out for applications to be received in the manager’s office. The HRC will then set up a schedule of interviews.

Calendar changes:

May 2 meeting is changed to May 9. July 4 meeting is changed to July 11. Please mark your calendars. Dave will arrange the room and Joanne will notify the office so the change can be posted.

Commissioners Meeting:

We would like to report our progress since last year to the Township Commissioners. Joanne will request a date for us to do this when she contacts Mr. Manfredi.

We began a list of the things we have done. Included are: interviewing, selecting, and facilitating an inclusion meeting for three new members of the HRC, sending representatives to Upper Dublin’s new HRC to train their people, facilitating training for the employees of the Keswick Theatre, participating in Abington Night Out, applying for and receiving a third grant from the Jenkintown Rotary, participating in Abington Friends School’s ongoing dialogue on race relations, receiving training from a staff person at the DOJ on conducting successful community dialogues, and creating a program and facilitating training for the Abington Police Department on implicit bias.

Program for Abington Police Department:

Deputy Superintendent Kelley Warner spoke with us about the program. We then reviewed the power point and other aspects of the program.

**Next meeting: May 9, 2018 @ 7:00. Note changed date.**