

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
JANUARY 4, 2024**

In attendance: Chair Janet Riggs, Vice Chair Taurean Moses, Secretary Janelle Wertzberger, Pastor Caleb McClure, Scott Wallace, and Borough HR Coordinator Kara Riethmaier

Chair Janet Riggs called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM.

1. **Approval of minutes from November 2.** The 11-2-23 minutes were unanimously approved with correction of a typographical error.
2. **Public comment.** None
3. **Updates:**
 - a. **Scott Wallace appointment.** Mr. Wallace's term ends in 2027.
 - b. **Online complaint form.**
 - i. Ms. Reithmaier can convert the pdf form on the HRC website to a fillable pdf.
 - ii. Also, the borough will begin an overhaul of the borough website in the coming months. She will be able to add links to the HRC webpage. Members are to identify links we might want to add before the next meeting.
 - iii. Tory suggested we consider created an anonymous feedback form, as well. Pros and cons were discussed; no decision was made.
 - c. **Pledge to end racism.** Update from Pastor McClure: members of the Gettysburg Area Ministerium of Churches will soon meet to discuss how to encourage local organizations to create and/or sign a pledge to end racism.
4. **Joint meeting with Adams County Advisory Council to the PAHRC.** A joint meeting was held on 12/5/23. Chair Riggs represented the Gettysburg HRC. Mayor Rita Frealing also attended, along with many members of the ACAC. Conversation focused on affordable housing, clearly a mayoral priority. Chair Riggs brought up concerns about police discrimination among the local Hispanic community. Reminder: we have been invited to a virtual film viewing and discussion of *Burden* on January 10, 7 pm.
5. **Meeting frequency/dates.** We will continue to meet every two months. Meeting dates for 2024: March 7, May 2, July 11 (the second Thursday, given the holiday on the first Thursday), September 5, and November 7.
6. **Other items?** We discussed new forms of outreach we might try in 2024.
 - a. Perhaps we could advertise our existence (as well as that of the Adams County Advisory Council) to Gettysburg Area School District families – Chair Riggs will connect with Martin Otto-Zimmann about this idea before investigating options with GASD.
 - b. We again discussed what is allowable in regards to social media. The borough has a Facebook site; perhaps we can use it to advertise the HRC. Ms. Riethmaier will inquire.
7. **Public comment.** None
8. **Adjournment.** Chair Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 7, 2024, 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Wertzberger, Secretary