

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the September 8, 2022 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:18 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Vice Chair Taureen Moses, Secretary Jennie Dillon, and Janelle Wertzberger. Others in attendance: Councilman Matt Moon, and Pastor Caleb McClure, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church.

July 7, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Old Business

Public Outreach – Chairperson Riggs reached out to Nate Mares, Best Western Gettysburg, Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District President, and forwarded him the article that she had submitted to the Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce in hopes that it be printed in the BID newsletter. Mr. Moon suggested reaching out to Councilwoman Judie Butterfield as she is the Council liaison to the BID.

New Business

Potential New Commissioner – Pastor Caleb McClure was invited to attend the meeting and introduce himself to the Commissioners as a potential replacement for Pastor Jay Eckman, who left the Commission in May 2022.

PHRC Proposal – Chairperson Riggs sent all Commissioners information on a proposal being made to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission's antidiscrimination regulation to add definitions for sex, race, and religious creed. PHRC also proposed to include pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding. Listening sessions were being held on August 30 for the public to hear the proposed changes.

New Business Continued

Issue Raised Outside of Our Jurisdiction – Chairperson Riggs received a complaint by an individual outside of the Borough regarding senior management at her retirement community. The individual was referred to the HRC by Mediation Service as this matter did not occur within the Borough.

Central PA LGBTQ+ Equality Exhibit – Ms. Wertzberger informed all of a traveling exhibit coming to Gettysburg College, Musselman Library from September 26, 2022 to October 13, 2022 titled “The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in PA”. A reception for the exhibit would be held on September 27, 2022. Ms. Wertzberger requested invites for sitting Borough Council members and the HRC.

Adams County Fair Housing – Chairperson Riggs shared that @Home in Adams County was partnering with Adams County’s Director of Fair Housing and Commercial Property Division of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission for a Zoom presentation titled “Fair Housing Rights, Specifically Fair Housing Fundamentals”. Registration to attend is required.

Gettysburg College Staff Changes – Ms. Wertzberger updated the Commission on staff changes within the College; including a new Chief Diversity Officer.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjournment

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM. The next scheduled meeting is January 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennie Dillon, Secretary