# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG 59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325 FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the February 3, 2022 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:05 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Vice Chair Taureen Moses, Secretary Jennie Dillon, Janelle Wertzberger, Pastor Jay Eckman, and Scott Hancock. Others in attendance: Matt Moon, Borough Council Vice President, Tom Jolin, representing Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian, Inc., Chad-Alan Carr, 49 York St.

Moved Ms. Wertzberger, seconded Pastor Eckman to approve the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes. All approved.

#### **Public Comment**

Tom Jolin, HABPI, Inc. presented for review a new logo that HABPI, Inc. is looking to incorporate on their signage. As the HRC has no authority to approve or disapprove a design, Chairperson Riggs expressed that there was general appreciation for HABPI's inclusion of "All are equal" in their logo.

#### **Old Business**

**HRC Brochure** – Ms. Wertzberger volunteered to take on the task of restructuring the HRC brochure. It was the opinion of the Commission to style the document more as a brochure than a two-sided paper.

New Business – A memo addressed to Mr. Moon, and cc'd Chairperson Riggs, was received from Harry Eastman, Borough Solicitor, Barley Snyder Attorneys at Law regarding clarifications to questions the HRC members had related to some verbiage in the ordinance. There were still some questions about the response given by Mr. Eastman related to the first question in the memo 'Does the ordinance apply to businesses that are located outside of the Borough, but do work in the Borough?'. Mr. Moon said he would follow up with Mr. Eastman regarding that question.

Going forward, all HRC board members agreed to have meetings start at 5:15 PM to help everyone safely transition from work, or other engagements without being unnecessarily rushed.

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### New Business cont'd.

Mr. Moon stated that Councilman Chad-Alan Carr will be transitioned into the HRC/Council liaison. Mr. Moon also said that a new Borough Human Resources Director has been hired, who will eventually become our staff liaison.

Chairperson Riggs and Mr. Moon will be reaching out to community leaders to attend and speak at future HRC meetings as to educate the community about the HRC and their role in the Borough.

## **Public Comment**

Chad-Alan Carr discussed the events of Gettysburg's 6<sup>th</sup> Pride celebration June 3-5, 2022. This year the event will be kicked off at the Majestic Theater and will include food trucks, art vendors, and live entertainment. Mr. Carr also expressed interest in the Borough participating in a Human Rights Campaign initiative, a Municipal Equality Index (MEI) Scorecard. This scorecard examines how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ+ people who live and work there. Cities are rated on non-discrimination laws, the municipality as an employer, municipal services, law enforcement and leadership on LGBTQ+ equality.

#### Adjournment

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM. The next scheduled meeting is March 3, 2022 at 5:15 PM at the Borough Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Dillon, Secretary