



Human Relations Commission

ORGANIZATION Meeting

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Tuesday, January 9, 2025

5:30PM

Conference Room B

In attendance: Robert Ordan; Rev. Steve McComas; Susan Berg; Jacquelyn Kennedy; Jennifer V. Herring, Board of Supervisors Liaison and Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Ms. Herring, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Liaison to the Human Relations Commission welcomed the members to the inaugural meeting of the Doylestown Township Human Relations Commission. She thanked everyone for volunteering to serve on this commission.

The members then introduced themselves to each other providing a little background on how long they have lived in the Township, what profession they have or had and their interest in serving on the commission.

Review of Ordinance 426

The Commission then reviewed the Ordinance in its totality, questioning and seeking clarification on different aspects of it. There was some discussion on other municipalities that have similar ordinances, and Ms. Mason was requested to share links to other municipalities in Bucks and Montgomery County area so that the members may be able to see what information they're sharing with their constituents.

The Commission continued to review the proposed ordinance, making sure they understood various aspects, they did inquire about the intake officer and why the intake officer cannot participate in the mediation. Ms. Berg indicated that the intake is supposed to be very neutral. It was suggested looking into why this was written via the Township's Solicitors' office.

There was discussion from the Commission about hosting a listening session later in the year, where they could obtain information and perceptions, what are the needs of those in the community, how this Commission can help with information, education, maybe talk to other Township officials or department heads that could share impacts, talk to other local organizations such as Delaware Valley University, Lenape Valley, the YMCA or NOVA to understand problems in the community. Those that start small do sometimes grow and if there are ways to avoid, they believe their Commission would be helpful with that.

After further discussion, the Commission agreed to meet in February and have a scheduled meeting with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission for training. They also checked their calendars for the invitation from Doylestown Borough HRC Forum on Immigrant Experiences in Doylestown, there was a little confusion on the date so is going to be verified in February.

The Commission on motion of Mr. McComas, seconded by Ms. Berg, Ms. Kennedy was unanimously selected as Chairman.

Reverend McComas agreed to be the Secretary and take minutes going forward.

There was some discussion about having three non-voting members, perhaps having younger members from the community, perhaps having high school / college age in those non-voting members positions could be helpful.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary