

**North Wales Borough
Human Relations Commission
June 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

This meeting was conducted virtually through ZOOM and recorded.

Commission members present were: Chair Moira Blacksmith, Patricia Armstrong, and Collette D'Angelo

No public participated through the ZOOM Link

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blacksmith at 7:05 P.M. Chair Blacksmith called attendance. Members Tim Clark and Johanna Owings were absent.

1. Public Comment

There were no members from the public

2. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2021

Member D'Angelo made a motion to postpone the approval until next month. Chair Blacksmith and Member Armstrong approved the motion to postpone until next month.

3. Discussion: HRC Presence at Local Events

Member Armstrong discussed the "Together in Harmony" Event held at Weingartner Park on June 5, 2021. Armstrong acknowledged the vendors that were present including Tae Kwon Do, Dance Demonstration, Calligraphy, Anti-Asian Violence Whistles. Armstrong would have liked to have a Human Relations Commission Table at the event. Member D'Angelo also attended the event and expressed gratitude to Mayor D'Angelo, Senator Collett, Master Yang from Yang's Martial Arts, and other members of the Asian Community that quickly worked together to educate and bring awareness to the public about the Asian Culture. D'Angelo stated the Mayor told the public on June 5th that he is hoping to have the event annually and bigger. D'Angelo said we'll have our brochures and material next year.

Community Day is September 25th, 2021. All members present discussed having a tablecloth and brochures for this event. Brochures will be reviewed at the July Meeting. Chair Blacksmith will contact Borough Manager, Christine Hart to request a table.

4. Discussion: Review of HRC Mission Statement

Chair Armstrong and Members Armstrong and D'Angelo reviewed the Mission Statement on the Borough website. Member Armstrong stated it is comparable to other local boroughs. No action was taken.

5. Old Business/New Business

Member Armstrong drafted an introduction letter about the Human Relations Commission for business owners and government officials. Member D'Angelo suggested adding the borough's phone number and email address. The letter will be reviewed and finalized during the next HRC meeting.

Chair Blacksmith reached out to the Mediation Trainer about doing a training around “Role Plays” and requested potential scenarios. Chair Blacksmith said Member Clark previously suggested role-playing scenarios around accommodations including the deaf and blind. Member Armstrong suggested a scenario around mental health impairment. Members present acknowledged the Pride Flag being raised outside of Borough Hall for the month of June and recommended thinking about other events that should be recognized.

6. Adjournment

Member D’Angelo made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 P.M., seconded by Member Armstrong. All members present agreed to adjourn.