



## MEETING MINUTES

### FREDERICK COUNTY

#### Human Relations Commission

Tuesday, 29 August 2023 | 6 PM

Winchester Hall, 12N. Church Street, Frederick

#### ATTENDEES:

Commissioners: Mari Lee, Chris Isleib, Lisa Clark, Karen Duffy, Annette Breiling, Georgette Hughes, Cindy Shubin, Haley Rizkallah, Lee Wisner, and Irene Packer-Halsey

County Liaisons: OEI Staff: Anthony Russell, Michael Hughes, Therese Ragland; & Lakisha Wade

Guests: Zenobia Bryant, Kelli Goetz

- I. Call To Order – Mari Lee called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call of Members – see attendance above.
- III. Public Comments – None at this time
- IV. Guest speaker: Kelli Goetz, Director of Family Services, FCG. Kelli discussed the 3 main departments under her division. Child Advocacy Center, Office for Children and Family and Family Partnerships.
- V. Frederick City Police Department Report - None
- VI. Approval of the August minutes –Lee Wisner requested an amendment to include her name in the roll. Lisa Clark moved to approve the minutes as amended; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Shubin. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
    - The Executive Committee met and discussed the agenda for the August meeting.
    - Treasurer’s Report – Current starting balance of \$4770.00. The County Provided an itemization showing the Commission’s budget and expenses for the last fiscal year. It showed \$3,987.40 was spent, \$852.60 was returned to the County.
  - b. Standing Committees:
    - CRC, GRC, and IRC assignments -members’ assignments to be shared at the next meeting.
- VIII. Liaison Reports –None
- IX. Unfinished Business
  - a. Reparations – At the end of the Reparations three-part series, the special committee will prepare a summary for the members to review. The Committee is still planning the 3<sup>rd</sup>

forum. Suggested plans include potentially co-hosting an event at the with AARCH at the Delaplaine, but no formal discussion has been held.

- b. HRD Director update- Anthony L. Russell, is the new HRD. He shared his background in fair practices and investigations. He is looking forward to being a liaison for the HRC.
- c. Bylaws: Michael Hughes will soon present HRC's Bylaws to the County Executive for review during a staff report.
- d. AACF Health Fair: Members discussed the HRC's potential participation at the Health Fair on Saturday, 7 October. The Commission will only move forward with a table if enough members sign up to volunteer.

#### X. New Business

##### a. Other:

- Annette Breiling addressed the International Day of Peace on September 21<sup>st</sup> and International Day of Non-Violence on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a mini-march on October 1st at 2 pm more details to come.
- Annette Breiling made mention of the Student Peace Awards. The date will be announced soon. The HRC has previously co-sponsored this event for the last several years.

#### XI. Motions

- a. Cindy Shubin moved that the HRC sponsor a vendor table at the Health Fair @ the cost of \$75. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Clark Motion passes 9-0-1. Annette Breiling abstains.
- b. Georgette Hughes moves that the HRC spend \$100 to co-sponsor the Student Peace Awards, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Shubin. Motion passes unanimously

#### XII. Staff Report - No report.

#### XIII. Brief Comments - Members that chose to do so gave brief final comments.

#### XIV. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.