

July 14, 2022,

Board Chambers

Human Rights Commission

MINUTES

**Chair**

**Curtis O. Porter**

**Vice Chair**

**Evelyn BruMar**

**Parliamentarian**

**Ramunda Young**

**Members**

**William Johnston**

**Dr. Erika Laos**

**Tonya James**

**Padreus D. Pratter**

**Aaron Muz**

**Present:** Commissioners Curtis Porter, William Johnston, Dr. Erika Laos, Padreus Pratter, Aaron Muz, Ramunda Young, Evelyn BruMar, Director Raul Torres, and Tiffany Jones. There was no citizens present. Chair Curtis Porter called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

**Citizens Time**

- None

**Old Business**

- Minutes of June 9, 2022 were approved with necessary corrections: Commissioner Young asked that the minutes reflect that she requested to be present during the meetings with the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. (Young-moved /Laos-second)

**New Business**

- Adopted a policy to add preferred pronouns to Intake Form. (BruMar motion/Laos-second)
- Adopted a policy to reflect the number of votes per resolution. (Johnston motion/Young-second)

**Committee Reports**

**Unity in the Community**

- Next meeting is schedule for the June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm; meeting was rescheduled from June 19<sup>th</sup> due to Father's Day.

### **VAHR**

- The VAHR annual meeting will be postponed, and the executive committee will meet to discuss setting a new date.

### **Racial Social Justice Commission (RSJC)**

- May's meeting was cancelled due to the Chair and Vice Chair being on vacation. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- The Commission is working on establishing new Bylaws.

### **PWC Jail Board**

- The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2022.

### **Director's Report**

- Fair Housing Testing was conducted in the eastern part of Prince William County. The report indicates no findings of discrimination, and no systemic racism was found.
- If funding is available, next year test will be conducted in the western part of the county.
- We hired two college interns, Edwin Gonzalez and Nicole Galang. The goal for the internship is to garner interest in working in the Human and Civil Rights arena.
- We have several outreach activities for June. An Outreach calendar will be sent out to all Commissioners.
- The Human Rights office has re-established communication with the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park concerning extending our services to their jurisdiction. On July 19<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting to the City Council of Manassas Park.
- The office has updated our Strategic Plan for CY2019 -2024. The plan will include a new initiative to create Community Liaisons to distribute Human Rights information, and to refer cases to our office.

### **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

**Padreus Pratter** – Nothing to report

**Aaron Muz** – Welcomed the interns; would like to acknowledge Ms. Sparkes is doing a great job with Outreach.

**William Johnston** – Hopes the states will uphold the federal decision to protect the unborn.

**Erica Laos** – Welcome to interns; it is Pride Month and was happy to see the County leaders at the LGBTQ+ events. World Elder Abuse awareness Day on June 15<sup>th</sup>, World Day Against Child Labor June 12<sup>th</sup>, World Refugee Day is June 20<sup>th</sup>, June is National PTSD Awareness Month, and Ownership Month.

**Ramunda Young** – Welcome to the interns; Happy Pride Month, and Happy Juneteenth. She would like to be included in the meetings with the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

**Evelyn BruMar** – Welcome to the interns; Happy to see Edwin and Nicole at the Pride Event. Happy Pride Month, and Happy Juneteenth. Asked if a charging party can identify their pronoun(s) and gender identity on our intake form.

**Curtis Porter** – Welcomed Interns and stated this will be a great experience for you.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.**

**ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR JUNE 2022**

	<b>Case Closures</b>	<b>Cases Opened</b>	<b>Inventory</b>
<b>Employment</b>	5	2	
<b>Housing</b>			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>			
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Credit</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>20</b>