

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, August 6, 2012 3:30-5:00PM

Agriculture Building Conference Room

4000 Kozlowski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

**Attendance: Jeff Delaney, Linda Zucaro, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Philip Smith
John Sorrentino, Charanjit Sawhney, Inderjit Sawhney, Ricky Pierce, Sondra Cannon, Darryl
Hughes, Sherri West**

**I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM, followed by the Salute to the
Flag.**

**II. The June 2012 minutes were read, corrections made and the minutes
approved.**

III. Treasurer's Report – no changes since the last meeting.

IV. Core Team Reports

**A. Police/Community Relations-John Sorrentino discussed plans for
the December 11-12 workshop, "Closing the Gap: A Law Enforcement
Response to Disabilities." In working with the Prosecutor's office,
speakers are being confirmed, including Tim Grant, from the MA State
Police, who will speak on law enforcement and disabilities. John
continues to hold meetings with various groups to line up additional
speakers. He is also working on the arranging booths which will be
staffed by various local and state groups dealing with the topic.**

V. Standing Committees and Support Teams

**A. Membership-Linda Zucaro reviewed the list of members that have
missed more than 4 consecutive meetings during the past year. At
the July Executive meeting it was agreed to reach out and contact
these individuals. She has communicated with everyone to date,
and reported that the following wish their names to be removed as
they can no longer serve: Ruth Lax, Federation of Jewish Women;
Marty Lefsky, Affirmative Action Officer at Ocean Township High
School; Julius Ramsey, longtime member of the Commission; Chief
Daryl Breckinridge, Fair Haven; and Chief Mark Kinmon, Asbury**

At the July Executive Committee meeting it was agreed to try an evening meeting to attract more members, so the next full Commission meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 1, 7:00PM, at the Sea Bright Library. The individuals cited above have already been made aware of the meeting, and Sherri was asked to send emails alerting all members to the changed meeting time and venue.

In other membership matters, Linda is still looking for names from the Haitian community in Asbury Park, and has another applicant that she will pursue.

- B. Communications – A request for a speaker (for August 16 or September 20) on the history of the commission came from Mary Lee Gilmore, Monmouth County Fair Housing. Linda Zucaro has agreed to speak, and will coordinate with Ms. Gilmore.**

Phil Smith suggested that a note be sent to Kendall Baldwin, former secretary, who has had to leave the job because she is going to college in the fall. He noted her active role on the Commission during the past year.

Another proposal was made to open up meetings to virtual attendance via an electronic meeting format and that proposal will be discussed at the September Executive meeting.

- C. Incident response and Reporting – no report**

D. Community Resource Development – Due to the resignation of Kay Guadagno at the July meeting, a new chair is needed. Jeff asked for volunteers, but no one has volunteered to date. An email will be sent to the membership requesting volunteers, and John Schwebel offered to help the new chair when one is identified.

VI. Unfinished Business – Linda discussed the topic for October evening , suggesting an update on the status of bias crime in Monmouth County today. She reported that Dave D’Amico, MCHRC member and Monmouth County Detective, has agreed to speak. Linda is also going to reach out to the President of the Bias Crimes Officers as well. A general discussion was held on the relevance of the meeting to the membership, including specific contributions the Commission can make in addressing bias crimes in the future.

VII. New Business – Inderjit Sawhney of the Sikh community in Monmouth County, led a discussion of the Wisconsin shootings, and what role the Commission can play. Various suggestions were made, including educating the community and disseminating that information throughout Monmouth County on the website and in other forums, holding an information session on the Sikhs, as well as working with other organizations within Monmouth County or at the state level.

For the September Executive Board meeting, agenda items will be discussion of meeting virtually and developing and educational program and materials regarding the Sikh community in Monmouth County and in New Jersey.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary

August 7, 2012

Corrected and approved, October 1, 2012