



RUTHERFORD CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

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ROLL CALL - Sami Abuauad, Robbie Kenney, Beverly Khan Pal, Jessica Lezcano, Rob Lyons, Renjith Pilai, Shefali Pilar

COUNCIL LIAISON – Eddie Narucki

GUESTS – Eddy Rolon, Robin Reenstra, Rose LaFarga

6:38p – Call to order – Reading of Sunshine Law, Jessica Lezcano

6:40p- Review Agenda Meeting conducted by Beverly Khan Pal

- New RCRC Logo launched on Facebook today. Feedback included the “C” appears to look like an “O”.
- Threadless Shop is up and needs RCRC members to login and advise on which products to showcase. Login and password is on SLACK Channel.
- Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15-October 16, 2020
 - Jessica Lezcano talked about her Cuban heritage
 - Sami Abuauad talked about being from Chili with Palestinian and Italian heritage
 - Guests Eddie Narucki spoke about his Cuban heritage and wife’s Costa Rican heritage; Eddy Rolon spoke about his Puerto Rican heritage; Rose LaFarga spoke about her Portuguese heritage and her husband’s Cuban heritage.
 - Beverly suggested RCRC host 2 Fireside chats during the month. Jessica Lezcano will create a SLACK channel and choose 2 dates. First date will feature the RCRC team members Jessica, Juan, Sami and Alcides. The second date will feature prominent members of the community, such as Olga from Bagel Supreme and Ida Borroto from Women’s Club, Alethia Gomez, Designer.
 - Eddie Narucki offered his fire pit and recording of the events.
- RCRC Book Club launches October 29th. Beverly will moderate discussion on the book, “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson. RCRC members will suggest books of all Civil Rights issues such as race, sexual orientation, gender...fiction, non-

fiction and youth. 8 meetings are to be held over the next year, one meeting every 6 weeks.

- Farmer's Market complaints are to be directed to Rob Kakoleski, Borough Administrator. Robin Reenstra offered to be a mediator and source of support to citizens with complaints. We as a commission are to immediately acknowledge, thank and then move any complaint or issue to the proper channel. Most recently, Bev directed a complaint to Bob K and another Facebook complaint to the NJ Division for Civil Rights. It's our role to direct the citizen to the right place.
- Eddy Rolon asked about Rainbow Sidewalks. Councilman Narucki said the Ordinance to ban colored streets has been tabled to another date unknown. Citizens are encouraged to write their council members to voice their thoughts.
- Robin Reenstra offered a bit of history of the commission.

7:34 Steve Way joined. Meeting Adjourned