

Rutherford Civil Rights Commission
July 15th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6.36 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15th, 2020

Reading of Sunshine Law

Roll Call

1. Steve Way, Al Aguavivas, Eddie Narucki, Matthew Cokeley, Shefali Pilar, Michael Szarek, Sami Abuquad, Renjith Pillai, Jessica Lezcano, Beverly Khan, Eddie Narucki, Robert Kenney, and Sophia Masullo in attendance

Review of June 17th Meeting Minutes

1. No issues found, minutes were approved

Meeting Opened to the Public: John Ledwith, Scott Fontana, and Eddy Rolon

1. Eddy would like RCRC to sponsor or organize a debate for Council candidates this year
2. Steve: since Matt won the primary there might be a conflict of interest

In-Person Meetings

1. Steve: 7 people at a time are allowed in our old room; Steve personally is not planning on attending in-person meetings until next year
2. Borough hall still has mask requirements and social distancing guidelines
3. Idea of rotating in-person meetings was brought up (some people are in person one meeting, different people the next)
4. Bev: whatever the topic of the meeting is, the respective subcommittee should get preference for meeting seats

Website Update

1. Al: we need to start to get the content that everyone is working on, the website framework is set up, we may need some extra cash
2. Al and Matt have gone back and forth working on logos, they have 12 options
3. Steve: we should throw the logos in Slack and everyone should vote in there
4. Matt: we can change the color palate of the logo to reflect events that we're celebrating
5. Once Al has everyone's information, it will take 20-30 hours (2-3 weeks) to fully flesh out the website

Headshots

1. Sami is missing Steve and Renjith's headshots

Dedication for Barbara Bennett

1. Matt: The DPW is not getting back to us, the monument company has had the plaque for over a year, it's just a matter of execution at this point
2. Jessica can put in a work order with the DPW and ask them for an ETA
3. Jessica asked we intend on putting it in front of the field house; Bev would like to place the memorial nearer to the softball field
4. Steve: if we were to put it near the field, could we name the field Barbara Bennett Memorial Field
5. Everyone agreed to placing the plaque at softball field number 5
6. Matt: we should reach out to Barbara's family to see if they were planning anything on the day of the dedication

Poster and Essay Contest

1. Steve and Mike are in the process of working on it

Bike Event / Other Fundraisers

2. Bev: August 26th, 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, we would like to do a panel interview with the two councilwomen, we could partner with the women's club; Bev will create a Slack channel for the date
3. Steve: July 26th is the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, would like to do an "on this day" announcement
4. Robert reached out to PSE&G about a RCRC bike ride event because they said they were allocating money to civil rights, he has yet to hear back from them
 - a. The general concept is having a mini parade down orient way, \$5 to enter
5. Al suggested that every month we have a talk with one resident in town about his/her experiences with civil rights, to end up on YouTube and the website

Next Meeting is Wednesday, August 19th

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.