



RUTHERFORD CIVIAL RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES February 16, 2022

Meeting via ZOOM

Topic: Rutherford Civil Rights Commission’s ZOOM Meeting

Time: February 16, 2022, 6:30pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join ZOOM Meeting

Meeting ID:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995990237?pwd=b0lramZxVDV5YmV1bjRFeHdGdmVqQT09>

Beverly Khan Pal	Matt Cokeley (Council Liaison)
Steve Way - absent	Gretchen Corsillo (Library Liaison) - absent
Renjith Pillai	Jessica Warren Frazier
Alcides Aguasvivas	Sam Riviello
Shefali Pilar	Robin Reenstra – 450 Riverside Terrace
Ginny Perrin	Lauren Caliolio
Christie Del Rey-Cone	
Mark Tenn	
Lori Rosario-Griffin	
Jessica Lezcano	
Paul Frazier	
Sami Abuauad	
Esther Gatria – absent	

*Present – highlighted

6:38pm – Alcides started the meeting

- Beverly read the Sunshine Law
- Minutes from January 2022 reviewed. Christie nominated them and Lori seconds
- Public – Robin - President of the Meadowlands Museum Board of Trustees
 - The museum is accepting a donation of a cast iron stove and various other artifacts that were originally at the Hauge House.
 - February 24th - Rod Leith will have a ZOOM presentation regarding the various artifacts
- Lauren – introduced herself and gave a small bio
 - She read the speech that she presented at the Hauge House Plaque Dedication

- Sam – introduced herself and gave a small bio
 - Professional background is nonprofit management and fundraising
- Nominations – Renjith is planning to step down as the Treasurer
 - Balance - \$7604.07 as of January 31, 2022
 - Beverly explains that the treasurer ideally needs to be someone who can go to Borough Hall during the day to pick up statements, mail, drop off any requisitions and be a liaison with Gordan.
 - Ginny and Christie both indicate that they don't have the financial background to take on that role but they are happy to help brainstorm to come up with a solution.
 - Matt – Article 4 – In the event of death or resignation of an unexpired term, a successor can be nominated after receiving a quorum vote even if it's a new Commissioner
- Fundraising
 - Christie explained that the Commission is not a non-profit.
 - We cannot sell merchandise or raffles and cannot use anything that involves an electronic transaction.
 - There is no tax benefit to people giving the Commission money.
 - Bo had said that they could do a little bit of fundraising for incidentals
 - The safest way we acquire funds for events is through grants
 - Fundraising can be done if event specific.
 - The Borough of Rutherford Multicultural Trust Fund is all that was given to Beverly.
- Robin – noted that when the RCRC did the scholarship fund, they enjoyed the direction of it since it was so well targeted.
 - Sam – wants to know if we can partner with other non-profits in town.
- Retreat - March 12th 1pm-4pm at the library and accessible from the Chestnut entrance
 - Ginny and Christie are working on finalizing this
- Archives – payment has been made to the company that will be scanning all the archive documents and completion date is approximately March 12th
- Women's History Month
 - Reviewed what was done last year - paintings in the coffee shop
 - Lori suggested that if we do it again since it was so successful, that we pick a different theme every year
 - We may have to find a different venue as the Rutherford Coffee House may be too small as the event grows
- Poetic Celebration - March 3rd
 - Claudia has recruited almost 8 poets already
 - Communicate with schools to spread the word to have more attendance
 - Alcides will have a flyer ready for the event by tomorrow
- Jessica Frazier – introduced herself and bio
- Multicultural Festival tentative dates discussed, and September 9,10 voted to be presented to Mayor and Council
 - Lauren nominated and Mark seconds; all in agreement

Meeting called to close at 7:47pm by Alicides