



RUTHERFORD CIVIAL RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES March 16, 2022

Meeting via ZOOM

Topic: Rutherford Civil Rights Commission’s ZOOM Meeting

Time: March 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) - absent
Steve Way	Gretchen Corsillo (Library Liaison)
Renjith Pillai – absent	Jessica Warren Frazier – absent
Alcides Aguasvivas	Sam Riviello
Shefali Pilar	Lauren Caliolio
Ginny Perrin	
Christie Del Rey-Cone	
Mark Tenn	
Lori Rosario-Griffin	
Jessica Lezcano - absent	
Paul Frazier - absent	
Sami Abuauad	
Esther Gatria	

*Present – highlighted

6:36pm – Steve opens the meeting and roll call completed by Shefali

- Steve reads the Sunshine Law
- Minutes from Feb 2022 reviewed. Alcides motions to accept the meetings and Lori seconds
- Retreat rescheduled for – Saturday, April 2nd 1pm-4pm
 - Ginny reviewed the basic action plan for the retreat
 - The objective is to help us grow as a commission and find our vision for the future.
- Looking to see if Billy Newman can come evaluate archives for preservation
- Beverly requested someone else to take over the grant writing with Greg Lucent

- This individual would be responsible for submitting data about our events to the Grant Writing Committee in the Borough.
- The multicultural festival and the archive project are the only things that we have approached the borough to get a grant for to date.
- Sam Riviello volunteered to take care of this and will try to find other grant opportunities. Steve, Ginny, and Esther volunteered to help as well.
 - Jessica will need to get everyone up to speed on this project
 - Sam will start a Slack channel for this
- Women’s Month photos - Sami and Jessica Frazier
 - For next year, Sami recommended that we go places and take photos in different locations
- Multicultural Festival – dates approved by Mayor and Council for Sept 9th and Sept 10th
- Pride Festival
 - Sam spoke to the Pride Alliance about having some intersection of RCRC into the Pride Festival
 - Christie says that because we are a government entity, we may have to be mindful of where our funds are contributed to because we may then be called upon to provide similar equity to other organizations.
- Discussed the benefit and need of an interpreter at every event
- Montclair is having a Disability Pride event and Ginny feels that it would be a good opportunity for us to attend and learn about how we may be able to implement this type of event in Rutherford – Event is called Walk and Roll
- April 20th meeting
 - Table shows vote for see if Commissioners can attend April 20th meeting

Beverly Khan Pal -no	Lauren Caliolio – yes
Shefali Pilar - no	Sam Riviello -yes
Lori Rosario-Griffin - no	Alcides Aguasvivas - yes
Christie Del Rey-Cone - no	Ginny Perrin - yes
	Mark Tenn - yes
Steve Way - probably	Sami Abuauad - yes
	Esther Gatria - yes

- The monthly meeting on April 20th will be kept as is
- Treasurer
 - Ginny volunteered to fill the position of Treasurer
 - She will collaborate with Renjith to get a specific operating protocol for the role.
 - Ginny will collaborate with Sam Riviello on this as well.
 - Steve makes a motion to accept the resignation of Renjith from his Treasurer position and Beverly seconds. All were in favor.
 - Steve makes a motion to nominate Ginny to fill out the rest of Renjith’s term as Treasurer and Beverly seconds. All were in favor.
- Beverly motions to add an ad hoc meeting to discuss the retreat on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30pm and it gets approved.
- Meeting called to close at 7:38pm