

**City of Lambertville**  
**Human Rights Council**

**7:30 pm**

**April 12th, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

MISSION: To promote and protect human rights at the local level. Together city representatives and resident members ensure that Lambertville remains a place of acceptance and love.

Chair Todd-Marino called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. She welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Chair Todd-Marino led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Roni Todd-Marino, Lt. Bob Brown, Bambi Kuhl, Scott Elliott, Bruce Harris,  
Ricardo Zapata

Absent: David Gardiner, Councilwoman Julia Taylor,

**MEMBER AND ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Ordinance review has changed with no residency requirements.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were not available.

## SUBCOMMITTEES

Chair Todd-Marino proposed cancelling the May meeting and meet with subcommittees and reconvene in June. Seconded by Councilperson Elliot.

Communications Subcommittee. Identify target outreach, discussion of friendly communication outlets. Councilperson Kuhl has been in touch with Cristina Castro, Bi-Lingual Secretary at LPS. Discussion ensued.

Outreach Subcommittee: Ricardo Zapata of Fisherman's Mark is connecting with our Latin/LatinX community; discussions held regarding the outreach event with Fisherman's Mark, scheduled for early June. Discussion ensued.

Ordinance Subcommittee: Ordinances are available on website. Chair Todd-Marino will lead ordinance revision according to the Municipal Equality Index. Discussion ensued regarding the transmission of data obtained to the City.

Research Alternative Crisis Response Team: Chair Todd-Marino and Councilperson Taylor met with two council members of Flemington to discuss their efforts to establish a Community-Police accountability team. Point of discussion was their efforts to improve their recruitment efforts to include a more diverse policing force, especially the hire of a bi-lingual officer. The subcommittee remains committed to connecting to the neighboring teams who are establishing pilot programs. Discussion ensued.

Marketing & Social Media: Councilperson Gardiner is working on creating a marketing plan to help brand the HRC in Lambertville.

## Old Business

Hope One: Flemington Board of Social Services have purchased a vehicle to act as a mobile mental health and social services information distribution unit, co-sponsored by the Sherriff's office. They will be visiting Fisherman's Mark soon. Discussion ensued.

## New Business

Fighting Racism Together Initiative: Bruce Harris presented a sign project to inspire conversation about fighting racism as a community, one that sends a positive, unified message to visitors. Councilperson Kuhl offered to bring the idea before the Trust to seek funding. Councilperson Lt. Brown asked to involve the police department in the effort, uniting in the messaging. Educational component introduced. Discussion ensued.

Councilperson Elliot departed the meeting.

Vaccine Clinic: Councilperson Zapata is working with the Mayor to open a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Discussion ensued.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Todd-Marino accepted a motion to adjourn from Councilperson Kuhl; Councilperson Zapata seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.