

City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
Justice Center
November 14, 2022, 7:00 PM
AGENDA

M I S S I O N: 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.

W E L C O M E / P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C E

R O L L C A L L

L H R C m e m b e r s :

Roni Todd-Marino – *Chairperson/BOE*
Bruce Harris- *Member/Secretary*
Benedetta Lambert –*City Councilwoman*
~~Lt. Bob Brown – City Police Dept Rep~~
~~Trina Bardusco – Member~~

Scott Elliott – *Member*
Bambi Kuhl – *City Social Service Dir.*
Ricardo Zapata – *City Library Rep*
Fatima Rodriguez – *SHRSD Student*
Araceli Torres - *SHRSD Student*

Mayor Andrew Nowick

A P P R O V A L O F M I N U T E S

- Approval of October minutes deferred to December meeting

O L D B U S I N E S S

- Proposed mission revision – In the new year, the council will review the mission and ordinance for any needed updates. It was proposed that we add the word “accessibility” to the mission and update the ordinance with current demographics
- Student application process next steps – The proposed application process includes a review of the student applications by a team of three, The HRC School Board Liaison, the Mayor and a SHRSD faculty member. Roni will share details of the process and timeline with Superintendent Suozzo and request that he recommend a staff person. Fatima and Araceli will assist in spreading the word to students.
- Article for print version of Lambertville Matters 10/20 – discussed recent publication in the print version of Lambertville Matters and the potential use of the newsletter to raise awareness and promote initiatives with regular submissions. It was suggested that each subcommittee write LM articles related to their work.

N E W B U S I N E S S

- Process for receiving resident complaints – Discussed creating a form for the LHR C webpage for residents who wish to bring concerns to the council and request accommodations. Roni to draft for review in December meeting.
- Prosecutor's Office LGBTQ+ Safe Place – the Prosecutor's Office is looking to establish “Safe Places” in town where individuals who are being victimized can go and remain until assisted by law enforcement. The Prosecutor's Office is also developing an Anti-Bullying video and looking for individuals willing to share their stories. Roni to forward information to members interested in more information.

- Dec 2 Procession of the Our Lady of Guadeloupe – The Mayor shared that there will be an event to celebrate the Our Lady of Guadeloupe procession through town making its way from Mexico to NYC.
- City Hall will display a Trans flag for Transgender Awareness Week. Also, New Hope Celebrates is hosting an event on 11/20 starting with a vigil at 5:00 followed by a Trans Speakers Panel and Celebration of Life reception at Over the Moon starting at 6:00.
- Subcommittee structure for 2023 – Council agreed to form subcommittees for the following groups
 - Seniors
 - Students
 - Mental Health
 - Latinx
 - LGBTQ+
 - Disabilities
 - Anti-Discrimination
 - Media, marketing

It was noted that some of the above may be combined for overlapping projects, and that some committees may be a committee of one. Further details to be discussed in Dec meeting.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

- The Lambertville Basketball Association requested assistance with the translation of registration forms to Spanish. Bambi will work with a translator and reach out to contacts, Steve Chernoski and Jim Troutman, when this is completed.

P U B L I C C O M M E N T

None

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