

City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
Pittore Justice Center
October 9, 2023 ~ 7:08 pm
Agenda

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.

WELCOME /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Bambi Kuhl, Lt. Brown, Ricardo Zapada, Kathy-Lynn Kelly, Roxanna Ast, Beverly Mason

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 10, 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bev talked about our human rights- definition, UN, National Human Rights Council- Lt. Brown says it's dealing with local issues (and he looked up the town's ordinance of what it is) and Bev read it out loud. Roxanna added that people in Lambertville don't really know who we are, or what we do- can we make ourselves more known?
- Lt. Brown is here to bring to us biased incidents that we can look into and resolve or find a solution.
- Design a Human Rights Council t-shirt
- Newsletter- can advertise our council every month to welcome public and spread awareness
- Make a recommendation to Andrew about having Juneteenth as a holiday
- November- Indigenous People's Month
- Coffee with a Cop with hispanic community to become more familiar with the police department and meet their hispanic police officer- Lt. Brown wants to set this up with Ricardo.
- Lt Brown spoke about a recent identity theft- spent thousands overseas, thought they were getting a loan spent \$6000- thought they would get \$10,000. Ricardo says the hispanics are targeted with these type of scams. Hacked into someone's facebook account vouching for another guy (scam)

ONGOING:

- Possible fall community forum- to possible winter community forum to talk about Mental Health, an awareness of what's available, what people are going through, how common it is (Hunterdon Behavioral Health) Coping methods (talk therapy) what's available to the public?
- Technology addiction
- Does South Hunterdon High School deal with this?
- National Disability Awareness Month--October- Scott was going to do something with this, can he write something in Lambertville Matters? An awareness about Halloween night to be conscientious for the disabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oaxaca Day- Bambi said it was well attended, real diverse crowd. Ricardo said it was a huge success, expected 500, got around 700. Lambertville volunteers made 1,400 tamales, drinks and cake. 3 days of work, a lot of team work. Sign of gratitude to Lambertville community and they are very proud. It's a beautiful celebration.

One complaint- why Oaxaca? Why not Spanish heritage? Said that it discriminated against the rest of the Latin community. Did not represent the entire hispanic community. This complaint was made from an American male. Answered him that Lambertville's majority of hispanics are from Oaxaca.

Bambi is calling Hibernia to set up a Tuesday or Thursday in the beginning of November to do a movie night.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A D J O U R N M E N T

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84856800708?pwd=Tk1nZnRQRlVZeXI3M1pObStkZEFNdz09>