

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2018

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Christine Gregory

Shauntele' Patterson

Annette Jordan

Festus Olayinka

Agenda Item 1. Beautification Contest

Contest entries were reviewed by all the committee members present to determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners. Gianna suggested that for next year's contest the committee consider dividing the borough into sections and providing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each section, giving more residents an opportunity to be recognized and win a prize. Jane suggested creating project cost tiers and offering prizes within each tier. Contest rules will be reconsidered and possibly revised in the coming year by the committee members.

Prize winners will be announced at the June 18th Council meeting. Winners will be notified so that they will attend to retrieve their prize. Arrangements will be made on June 18th to pick up grills and bird bath to have available at Borough Hall.

Agenda Item 2. First Aid Magnets

Jane advised the members that \$893.00 was collected for magnet donations to date, with \$1,375 due from Clergy Reverend Phillhower(\$1,000) and Reverend Reinken (\$250), and Annette Jordan (\$125). Donations for magnets were collected at the Memorial Day Parade, Unity Walk, and Jane Field's church congregation on June 3rd. Annette suggested collecting donations at the July 3rd Borough fireworks celebration at the race track. Permission was given by Recreation Committee to have a table there to collect donations. Christine will seek permission from St. Rose of Lima to collect donations outside masses on Saturday and Sunday, and at the Church Carnival. Committee will also be collecting donations at Olde Freehold Day on August 18th.

HR Committee will be sharing space with Participatory Budgeting Committee and Shade Tree Commission at the Olde Freehold Day event.

Agenda Item 3. 9-11 Memorial Service

Jane suggested 15- minute program for this year's Memorial Service, consisting of a opening statement/prayer, wreath laying, playing of TAPS, and possibly the American Legion Color Guard. Service will commence at 8:30 a.m.. Further details will be discussed in a future meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Senior Appreciation Day

Carol had suggested we honor a Borough resident senior who attends events and is involved in community activities. Annette added that HR may want to honor a committee or organization that provides services to our community seniors, instead of individual persons, as it may present a challenge to the committee. Qualifying criteria for the Committee to consider when choosing a candidate or organization will be discussed at a future meeting.

Gianna announced that the Freehold Kruisers will be awarding trophies for Best in Show vehicles at the event's Classic Car Contest. The Kruisers will collect a \$10 contest registration fee per vehicle to donate to the Freehold Borough First Aid. Gianna suggested we include some inter-generational games to encourage senior interaction with the youth.

Agenda Item 5. Adopt-a-Neighbor Program

The Committee is awaiting approval from Joe Bellina and Borough administration for the program. The High School Extra Curricular Activities director was contacted and provided with paperwork related to volunteer recruitment, which was forwarded in an email blast on June 1st to the students. Gianna will send an email blast to Borough clergy presenting the program and requesting assistance with recruitment of volunteers. Upon confirmation of Borough authorization, Gianna will prepare a press release for The News Transcript to promote the program and gather public interest for volunteer recruitment and participation. Program guidelines and application form will be posted on the Borough web site for public access. Target date for implementation of program is October 1st.

Agenda Item 6. Comments/Ideas

The Committee members were very pleased with the Unity Walk and all agreed it was a great success. Donations in the amount of \$700 were collected for the YMCA. Thank you baskets and photo cards will be forwarded to volunteers for their participation.

Annette will re-present the Committee's past idea of "Movies in the Park" to the Recreation Committee to determine whether it would be interested in hosting. HR Committee members would offer their assistance.

Carol suggested that the Committee plan a holiday activity to plan visitation of Senior Community residences in the Borough by our members. Details to be discussed in future meetings.

Festus requested that the Committee consider the Public Forum concept he had presented at a prior meeting. Festus will provide committee members with a initial plan for members to

collaborate and discuss in a future meeting.

In addition, Festus made inquiry as to whether HR Committee Minutes would be available to the public on the Borough web site. Minutes from January, 2018 to the present will be provided to Pat Ruegger to place on Borough site.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 2, 2018