

**FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 2, 2019
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm**

Attendees:

- Carol Lida**
- Ronald Griffiths**
- Gianna Dell’Omo**
- Annette Jordan**
- Christine Gregory**

Agenda Item 1. Beautification Contest 2019

Promotions for the contest and applications have been cited on the Freehold Borough web site, and Downtown Partnership Facebook page. Annette offered to send flyer and contest rules to Councilman DiBenedetto to place in his newsletter for Downtown Freehold activities. Gianna advised that once prizes are confirmed, she will send a press release to The NewsTranscript. The Home Depot management advised that it will donate a 3 burner Dyno Grill for one of the prizes. In addition, the contest has been printed in the monthly Newsletter distributed to Borough residents. . Sergeant Santana generously offered to obtain prizes for the contest. Jane will present the committee with a final draft of the award certificate for commercial winners for review and approval.

Agenda Item 2. CommUNITY Walk

The Committee agreed to commence the event in front of Borough Hall, on Saturday, June 29th at 2:30 p.m. for registration of participants. The Walk will start at 3:00 p.m and participants will be lead to Veteran’s Park for food, music and festivities until 6:00 p.m. A \$5 donation will be collected from participants at registration. All proceeds will be donated to the Borough’s First Aid EMS Department.

The Committee will contact Mayor Higgins to commence the event. Carol will reach out to Reverend Sparks to present motivational support to the attendees. Annette will ask Joyful Noise to play at commencement. Gianna will reach out to CentraState to confirm its attendance with the van. Annette and Gianna will meet with the T-shirt provider to discuss logo and pricing to present to the Recreation Commission at its meeting on April 16th. Annette will invite Borough 100th anniversary VFW and commemorative commissions to join us, together with Friends of the Library and the First Aid EMS squad. Gianna will contact YMCA for its participation with games. Committee will contact local businesses for donations of food and water. Committee will put together a prize donation “Freehold Borough Basket”, including donations from local businesses to give away at the event. Details for food preparation will be

discussed with members of the Clergy Association at its meeting on April 9th. The Committee decided to welcome resident dogs to walk in the event. Annette mentioned recruiting an ice cream truck, and will provide a popcorn machine. Securing water supply at the park site for misters and sprinklers was also suggested. Gianna contacted Sgt Santana for PBA assistance with a bounce house. Annette will inquire about exotic pet presentation for guests at the park. Flyers and additional promotions will be prepared upon completion of event logo.

Agenda Item 3 . Memorial Day Parade

Committee members will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade if a car is secured for the event. An application for submission will be requested from parade committee.

Agenda Item 4. Olde Freehold Day

Committee members have decided to volunteer their time at the event on Saturday, August 17, rather than have a table this year. Annette will notify parade committee members of Committee's decision.

Agenda Item 5. MTN Organization

MTN Organization, Inc. is sponsoring its Spring project "Baskets of Faith". Committee members combined efforts and collected items for donation of several Easter baskets. Members will prepare and deliver baskets to MTN organization prior to project's April 17th deadline.

Agenda Item 6. Senior Appreciation Day

Event applications and guidelines were sent to invite vendor participants, and several applications have been received to date. More developments, ideas and suggestions will be presented in future months.

Agenda Item 7. Candle-lit Holiday Walking Tour

Committee members are invited to meet with the Unity Coalition on April 9 to meet with clergy and discuss preparations for the Holiday Walking Tour. Date for the event is scheduled for Sunday, December 22nd. The meeting should provide feedback from town clergy regarding participation, and form an initial of plan of action for implementation.

Agenda Item 8. Ideas/Suggestions/Comments

Annette asked about the HR pamphlet and if same is posted on the Borough web site. Committee will update current pamphlet and make preparations with printer.

Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2019