

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Attendees:

Gianna Dell'Omo

Jane Fields

Annette Jordan

Christine Gregory

Sergeant Edward Santana

Paul Jensen

JoAnn Price

Rather than schedule annual joint meetings, the Borough and Township HR Committees agreed to send a member from each group to act as a Committee Liaison to attend meetings. The liaisons will keep the lines of communication open between both Committees, allowing for collaboration in future community endeavors. Committee members welcomed JoAnn Price, Township liaison, to our meeting, who was introduced to all members present.

Agenda Item 1. Beautification Contest 2019

Beautification Contest participants' entries were reviewed by Committee members and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners were selected. The Committee decided to present this year's non-winning applicants with an Honorary Mention Certificate. Preparations will be made for announcement at the June 17th Council Meeting to present both prizes and certificates. One commercial entry was received from VNA Neighborhood Connections to Health, and a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented. Jane and Gianna will prepare framed certificates.

Press release to The News Transcript will be prepared acknowledging the contest winners. Arrangements to be made for delivery of gas grill to first prize winner.

Agenda Item 2. COMMUNITY Walk

Participants will convene for the event in front of Borough Hall, on Saturday, June 29th at 2:30 p.m. for registration. Carol will introduce the Mayor's commencement address and Reverend Sparks' inspirational message to the attendees. Committee will contact Joyful Noise for musical presentation. The Walk will start at 3:00 p.m and participants will be led to the Court Street School for food, music and festivities until 6:00 p.m. Members confirmed that only for a \$5 donation will participants receive an event bag with theme logo. All proceeds will be donated to the Borough's First Aid EMS Department. Sergeant Santana presented the Committee with Freehold Borough PBA's donation of an additional \$200 for event expenses.

Gianna and Annette met with Mr. Bellina and Michael Sweetman last week to discuss walk route and preparations for the event to begin Friday afternoon and continue Saturday morning. With MTN Organizations, Inc. generous donation, food preparation was also discussed. American Legion allowed for the use of its facility on June 26 and 27, where committee members will convene to prepare food for the event and then seek refrigerators to store the food.

Volunteers for the bounce house are needed the day of the event. Both members of the Recreation Commission and Human Relations Committee were notified to be available to supervise. A press release was forwarded to The News Transcript for additional promotional coverage. And the event is also included in June's Borough News Letter and email blasts.

Agenda Item 3. 9-11 Memorial Service

Jane informed the members of a recent New York 9-11 Memorial Service which was unattended by important statesman, and shared concern for what might be construed as public indifference. Members collaborated with ideas for this year's memorial service to include youth participation. Jane will contact The ROTC and invite its students to attend and play a musical tribute. Save the Date invitations will be forwarded to participants. Jane will prepare a preliminary program for discussion at our next meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Senior Appreciation Day

Event applications and guidelines were sent to invite vendor participants, and nine applications have been received to date, including CentraState event van. Preparations are being made for event flyers and FaceBook page.

Collaboration with Neighborhood Connections to Health, the Borough YMCA and affiliated county groups will convene with middle school students on June 11th at the YMCA to create and share ideas for this year's event. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Agenda Item 5. Ideas/Suggestions/Comments

Carol shared her idea with the committee of acknowledging the bell chimes of St. Rose Church, and the comfort and beauty the chimes bestow upon the community. Annette suggested church bells of all parishes be acknowledged on next year's National Day of Prayer, the first week of May. Gianna mentioned a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to the churches from the committee.

Gianna spoke with Jean Patterson, Manager/Director of the Borough's Community Garden, who expressed her concern for empty plots at the garden site despite numerous promotional attempts prior to our last meeting. Members acknowledged County renovations taking place at the end of Jackson Street, which may promote further visibility and use of the gardens by Borough residents.

Next Meeting Date: July 2, 2019