

PRINCETON CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6:30pm

400 Witherspoon Street

Princeton, NJ 08540

Community Room

This is to affirm that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Princeton Civil Rights Commission has been duly notified and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

I. Call to order

Attending: Ms. Fraga, Ms. Chrein, Ms. Shamsi, Ms. Jamieson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Tatro

Absent: Ms. Fiske, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Hernandez-Granzen

Guests: Linda Oppenheim, Maureen Macon (spelling?)

II. Public Comments / Guests

Ms. Oppenheim thanks CRC for public meetings, asks if CRC will go to other venues (schools, learning center, etc.). Ms. Fraga responds, appreciates the suggestion and CRC would like to do more public meetings with merchants, housing providers

Ms. Oppenheim raises the topic of a grant to the Public Library to upgrade its safety/camera video system. This is another area for community outreach and education. Ms. Shamsi states the education and outreach sub-committee will take this suggestion under advisement.

Ms. Macon summarizes general experiences with local landlords and property managers. Attending the meeting to bring this situation to the attention of the CRC and learn if there is anything that the CRC does for these types of complaints. Ms. Fraga states the timeframe for complaints to be filed is within 180 days of any incident.

III. Approval April, May and June Meeting Minutes

Review of process for the approval of minutes: Minutes to be created within 7 days of the meeting and sent to CRC for review. Feedback and edits should be sent to Secretary directly (not via reply all) with a copy to the Chair. Final minutes will be distributed within a week of the next CRC meeting.

Minutes will be posted online once they are approved.

Ms. Tatro will edit the April, May and special meeting minutes and send to the CRC for review.

June minutes are approved by the CRC. These will be posted online. Also to be posted online: the Ordinance, the complaint form, way to contact the CRC, the ByLaws. Ms. Fraga will follow-up with Mr. Dashield.

IV. Chair's Report

L. Fraga

Meeting time will move to the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. This change makes it possible for CRC members and others to attend the School Board meeting as well as the CRC meeting each month. The change is approved by the CRC.

Ms. Jamieson notes there may be a need for communications work to help address recurrent questions that were asked at the public meetings. Proposal to have an adhoc communications committee to work with Council on ways to communicate with the community about the CRC. Ms. Jamieson will organize.

V. Committee Reports

- a) Combined Policy and Education & Outreach
and A. Shamsi

K. Jamieson

Appreciation expressed for all who attended and help from the Public Library and Mr. Dashield. Summary of what was heard at public meetings. Issues were wide ranging including: housing, voting rights, mental illness, wage theft, discrimination w.r.t. salary at Princeton University, segregated demographics, segregated/discrimination at a church in Princeton. Students who attended the CRC meeting would like a response from the CRC to their concerns.

- b) By-Laws

M. Chrein

General By-Laws sent for review. By-Laws for informal mediation still in draft stage, so forthcoming.

- c) Mediation / Conflict Resolution

T. Parker

Informal mediation request underway. Also options for training for CRC members being explored. State training may be available.

Guests raise the importance of the CRC continuing to engage community, ask questions, reply to students who spent time with the CRC in the spring.

VI. Other Business / Announcements

None.

ADJOURNMENT