



Human Relations Advisory Council (HRAC)
County of Lehigh

MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2023

The meeting of the HRAC was held at 12:00 p.m. by Zoom video conference. A recording of this meeting is available at <https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Community-Economic-Development/Human-Relations-Advisory-Council>.

ATTENDING

Carmen Bell (CB), Liz Bradbury (LB), Nagi Latefa (NL), Guillermo Lopez Jr. (CHAIR), Luis A. Perez Jr. (LP), Paschall Simpson (PS)

Staff: Frank D. Kane (FK), Cyndi King (CK)

Absent: Maryanell Agosto (MA), Angela Baio (AB), Tony Branco (TB), Commissioner Zach Cole-Borgi (ZCB), Yorman De La Rosa (YDLR)

CHAIR called the meeting to order.

Roll call. Quorum obtained. Meeting is being recorded. Public will have access to that recording on the department's website (see opening paragraph above).

CHAIR asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; LP made the motion; seconded by PS; with no questions received and upon unanimous voice approval, the minutes were approved.

No citizens present to share input. CHAIR asked for an update on the proposed ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

LB discussed her September 13 question-and-answer time in front of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) which was considered the first reading of the proposed ordinance. LB also apprised the HRAC of her and ZCB's meeting with Commissioner Dutt. The second reading of the PO is scheduled to take place October 25, 2023 and will include further discussion of the PO. FK said there will be opportunities at the October meeting to amend the PO. If any amendments are agreed upon, the PO with amendments would revert back to a first-read status.

LP supported LB's comments on the PO.

NEW BUSINESS

NL would like to change the time of the HRAC meeting from noon on a Monday. FK believes the best time to change the time of the meeting would be when next year's schedule is being set for the following year. FK suggested that the issue be again raised in December. NL agreed. LB reminded everyone that the HRAC dissolves when the PO is passed into law. Discussion ensued as to the transition of personnel serving on an advisory council to serving on a human relations or human rights commission and who might serve on that new board. LB would like to serve on the board of the next phase of what has been the HRAC. Further discussion ensued surrounding requirements for voting and non-voting members serving on a county board. LB suggested that the CHAIR contact HRAC members who are not regularly attending meetings thereby achieving quorum more difficult than it needs to be; CHAIR replied that he already has been in contact with some of the "no-shows."

CLOSING AGENDA ITEMS

CHAIR called for any other citizen's input (none) and any other announcements (none) or anything for the good of the order with there being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by LB. Seconded by LP. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. King