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ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

December 15, 2021 **VIRTUAL** Human Rights Commission Meeting

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Leo Sanchez, John Rushing, Barbara Johnson, Agnes McCray, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Liban Mohammed, Lanessa Chaplin, Esq. **Absent:** Al-amin Muhammad, Rasheada Caldwell, Nodesia Hernandez, Mia Wade, Chris Gilkes, Mbonimpa Banabas

Community members present: Liam O'Connor, Jackie Lasonde, Nicole Henry

County staff present: Executive Director of Human Rights/Onondaga County Montanette Murphy and Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams

Attendance: Meeting began at 5:30

Greetings and Welcome

Approval of November minutes: Approved 7-0

Approval of December agenda: Approved 7-0

Recognition of visitors: Community members were introduced

Administrator's Report:

- Montanette and Monica thanked Commissioners for their time and dedication to the HRC. Also: New Commissioners are coming in 2022.
- Three videos from Commissioners discussing what International Human Rights Day means to them were uploaded to the Human Rights website.
- HRC will decide if 3rd Wednesday of the month is still a good meeting date.
- 2021 HRC Annual Report will be due in January. Montanette asked everyone to submit pictures or videos and other items for the report.
- Commissioners will send their contact info/best way to reach them.
- Public hearings: We'll need to conduct at least two public hearings in 2022.
- HRC will create subcommittees – four Commissioners per committee. We need ideas for the kinds of subcommittees we'd like.



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Chair's report: No report at this time

Discussion: Commissioners McCray and Chaplin thanked CDO Monica Williams and the ODI for their work in 2021. McCray and Chaplin would like to ask the community what issues they'd like to discuss in 2022. Monica thanked Commissioners McCray and Chaplin for their comments and she also thanked all the Commissioners for their work and passion to engage the community in important conversations. HRC said there are two issues Commissioners can discuss: I-81 and COVID-19. Commissioner Sanchez acknowledged the work of all the Commissioners and thanked CDO Monica Williams for her work. Monica reminded Commissioners that name badges are available for pick up.

New business/Old Business/Announcements: Old business: "Shop with a (Syracuse Police Department) Cop" is December 18, 2021 at 10 a.m. **New business:** None. **Announcements:** Commissioner Chaplin announced that NYCLU will be submitting comments related to the Syracuse Police Department's proposal to install automated technology that would read car license plates. NYCLU wants to make sure the technology is safe and doesn't violate anyone's Constitutional rights. Commissioner Chaplin can answer questions and provide additional information about the proposal.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 7-0

Meeting ended: 6:10 p.m.