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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 19, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting

This **DRAFT** was approved in the HRC Meeting on _____

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Mbonimpa Banabas, Lanessa Chaplin, Esq., Leo Sanchez, Rasheada Caldwell, Agnes McCray, Christopher Gilkes, Al-amin Muhammad

Absent: Nodesia Hernandez, Rev. Baums, Liban Mohammed, Mia Wade, Barbara Johnson, John Rushing III, Rabbi Dan Fellman (resigned 5/18/2021)

Community members present: County legislator Dr. Peggy Chase

County staff present: Montanette Murphy

Meeting began at 5:35.

- 1) **Attendance:** Attendance taken.
- 2) **Greetings and Welcome**
- 3) **Approval of April meeting minutes.** Commissioner McCray motioned. Seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.
- 4) **Approval of May agenda.** Commissioner McCray motioned. Sanchez Seconded.
- 5) **Recognition of visitors:** Dr. Peggy Chase was present.
- 6) **Administrator's Report:**
 - Meeting is being recorded.
 - LMBG #44 event scheduled for June 4. Commissioners are asked to present.
 - Creating 'What to do if you're stopped by police' card
 - Commissioner Al-amin's Sandwich Saturday event plus Annual BBQ on 5/29.
 - New logo?
- 7) **Chair's report:** Chairperson Caldwell will follow up on Juneteenth events plus Jubilee in the Park and Showcase Sundays.
- 8) **Preparing for I-81 Public Meeting:** Commissioners decided the agenda for May 20th meeting. Commission wants to control the narrative. All community members will be muted. Public can speak for 2 minutes only. Need a time keeper, someone to keep the rules and a person to monitor chat box. Will introduce all HR commissioners present at public meeting. Agnes says commissioners should have T-shirts or buttons to identify themselves as commissioners. Leo says it's important for the HRC to develop a flier to hand out and post on social media. Lanessa asked if 'The Stand' newspaper was aware of new link for meeting.
- 9) **New business/Old Business/Announcements:** None.
- 10) **Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.** Motioned. Seconded.