



CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:30 PM, CITY HALL  
MONDAY, 9/12/, 2022  
MINUTES

The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with mission statement and pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** ☒

Present: **X** Trina Bardusco, **X** Lt. Bob Brown, **X** Scott Elliot, **X** Bambi Kuhl,  
**X** Councilwoman Benedetta Lambert, **X** Fatima Rodriguez, **X** Araceli Torres, **X**  
Ricardo Zapata, **X** Secretary Bruce Harris, **X** Chair Roni Todd-Marino

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.**

July 22 minutes deferred until the next meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September:**

Banned book week 9/18-9/24 -The Library invited HRC members to participate in their social media campaign. Roni Todd-Marino and Bruce Harris agreed to participate. Bambi Kuhl offered to check for the Central Bucks School District banned book list. Trina Bardusco will draft a Lambertville Matters article for Banned Book week.

A series of Voter's Education articles for Lambertville Matters was suggested - Fatima Rodriguez agreed to lead the project.

**October:** Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 - 10/15 Possible event at Library - Trina, Fatima and Araceli Torres to develop

**November : Reading** Group/Panel Discussion: Roni reached out to Alexis Berends but has not yet heard back

**December:** Nothing scheduled at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Municipal Engagement for People with Disabilities** - Scott Elliot and Bennedetta Lambert met with the Mayor who indicated he would review and recommend actions. Roni reported that the Mayor requested a LHRC subcommittee to develop short term and long term goals for the city to improve accessibility. Scott will present the Guidelines

document to the City Council. Additionally, Scott and Trina will follow up with the Acme Screening Room about a potential awareness raising event. Scott indicated that his organization would cover refreshments.

**Reading Group** - Bruce reported that there was a low turn out for the reading group for Me and White Supremacy.

**Resilience Acceleration Pilot** - no update at this time.

**HRC Ordinance Revision** - Bennedetta, Fatima and Araceli shared a proposal for the Student Member process. An application and corresponding scorecard were developed to aid in choosing a student member. The proposed ordinance revision includes changing the term of the student member to coincide with the school year rather than the calendar year. The application process would begin in March, interviews in April and selection in May. Bennedetta offered to draft a timeline for review at the next meeting.

**Mayor meetings with LatinX residents** - Ricardo Zapata indicated that he is working with the Mayor to get this scheduled.

**MEI Rating** Roni requested a meeting to reveiw why Lambertville's MEI score was not revised after proof of change documentation was submitted.

**People of Lambertville** - One interview completed. Additional interviews to be scheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Anti Stigma Scarecrow** - Organizers of Anti Stigma event on 10/1 asked that every municipality designated as Stigma Free participate by creating a scarecrow. Bambi offered to approach local artists for help on the project.

**Reproductive Rights program** - Concerns were raised that changes in the law regarding reproductive health may be confusing to some and a potential educational activity was proposed. Discussion ensued regarding the focus and suitability of the HRC leading such a program due to its controversial nature. Roni agreed to draft a proposal detailing potential activities for the council to review and vote upon at next month's meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

none

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Community members Kati Kertesz and Beverly Mason participated in discussion. Ms. Kertesz offered her assistance with social media posts/communtiy engagement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**