

**City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
7:30 PM
Monday December 14th, 2020
VIA ZOOM
MINUTES**

MISSION: To promote and protect human rights at the local level. Together city representatives and resident members ensure that Lambertville remains a place of acceptance and love.

WELCOME

ROLL CALL

(9) LHRC members:

Roni Todd-Marino - President
Beth Asaro – City Council rep, Secretary of LHRC
Lt. Bob Brown – City Police Dept rep
Filomena Hengst – Board of Education rep
Bambi Kuhl – City Public Assistance rep
~~David Gardiner – Resident Member~~
Bruce Harris – Resident Member
Scott Elliott – Resident Member
Matt Larkin – City Library rep

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 9, 2020 – Motion to approve – Beth Asaro, second Bruce Harris

REVIEW OF LHRC DRAFT RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Members reviewed document detailing seventeen recommendations compiled from each member's lists. Decision was made to present five at the January City Council meeting and to include minutes from the October Listening Session in the documents forwarded to City Council.

REVIEW OF ME AND WHITE SUPREMACY READING GROUP (HARRIS, HENGST)

Bruce confirmed that the invitation for participation will be sent in January

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Benjamin West expressed criticism of current draft for City Council Recommendations, saying that it is insufficient to make recommendations without also recommending an immediate cut to police funding. He also requested that LHRC members note that members of the Police Union and County Prosecutor's office have attended recent LHRC Zoom meetings but not participated in Public Comment.

Shaun Ellis, Kelly Boulding and Nicole Austin agreed with Mr. West's criticism that the recommendations fall short by not demanding a cut to police funding.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to Adjourn Beth Asaro, second Bambi Kuhl