

**City of Lambertville  
Human Rights Council  
Monday March 8, 2021 7:30 - 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** - Council Chair Todd-Marino opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**(7) LHRC members:**

Roni Todd-Marino – Chairperson/Board of Education rep  
Julia Taylor – City Council rep  
Lt. Bob Brown – City Police Dept rep  
~~Bambi Kuhl – City Public Assistance rep~~  
~~David Gardiner – Resident Member~~  
Scott Elliott – Resident Member  
Ricardo Zapata – City Library rep

**MEMBERSHIP/ORDINANCE UPDATE** Council Chair Todd-Marino reported that the request to update the HRC Ordinance to include non-resident members will be considered at the March City Council meeting. It was confirmed that the ordinance does not require citizenship, but LHRC still recommends specific language to be clear that all community participation is welcomed and that immigration status is not a factor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 8, 2021 Councilperson Kuhl made a motion to approve, seconded by City Council President Taylor. All approved

**2021 SUBCOMMITTEES** - The new subcommittees were established with the indicated members for each. Subcommittees to meet independent of the regular LHRC meeting and report back regarding progress and any requests for assistance from the larger group.

- Formal communication mechanism with trusted groups – RZ, BK
- Outreach event with Fisherman's Mark – RZ, DG, RB
- Ordinance and policy review - BH, BK, RTM
- Research alternate Crisis Response Team – RTM, BH
- Educational programs re local resources - Council Chair Todd-Marino reported that no council members volunteered for this subcommittee. It was decided that for this year, rather than hosting events, we will use social media to promote other local resources and events.
- Facebook/Marketing – DG, RTM
- Logo - Council Chair Todd-Marino shared the new HRC logo designed by community member Eric Rounds. Discussion ensued and the logo was approved with minor changes.

Council members recognized that Eric Rounds volunteered a great deal of time and lent his expertise to the council over the years and expressed appreciation for his work.

- Annual Focus - It was discussed that prior to the pandemic, the council agreed to use annual marketing campaigns to further our mission. For 2021 we will use our new “tagline” - *Together We Are Lambertville - Juntos Somos Lambertville*
- Stigma Free art installation - Council Chair Todd-Marino shared that the Hunterdon County Mental Health Coordinator reached out about Lambertville hosting an Anti-Stigma art display. Discussion ensued. Council Chair Todd-Marino will follow up to confirm the size, installation requirements and the timing. Councilperson Zapata will discuss the request with the Library Board.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

City Council President Taylor was asked for an update on the City Council recommendations. She indicated that there has been no additional discussion since the January meeting. However, in regard to the Class III Officers at SHRSB, City Council President Taylor shared that in her recollection of the City Council meeting in 2018 when the officers were initially approved, there were reporting requirements established. No such reports have been provided. City Council President Taylor indicated she discussed reporting with Superintendent Suozzo.

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Councilperson Elliot motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Councilperson Kuhl. All approved.