Allegheny County Human Relations Commission

Minutes of May 1, 2024

Date/Time: May 1, 2024, at 8:30 AM

Location: 920 City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219 / dial in

1. Call to Order: 8:38 AM

- a. Commission members present
  - i. Chairperson Arthur Pang
  - ii. Rev. Mary Ann Trifaro
  - iii. Tanya Vokes (dial in)
  - iv. Leslie Paul Jamerson (dial in)
- b. Staff members present
  - i. Ellen Buannic, Human Resources
  - ii. Erin Johnson, Equity and Inclusion
- 2. Introduction of Guests: None
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Pang stated an amendment to the meeting minutes of April 3, 2024, to note the following for the month of May: Mental Health Awareness Month.

Chairperson Pang motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes with the amendment, motion was seconded by Commissioner Trifaro and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Chairperson's Update: Chairperson Pang had a request for feedback from Allegheny County Executive Chief of Staff Grant Gittlen, and representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in seeking funding for the ACHRC from the federal budget. As City of Pittsburgh's Commission on Human Relations receives this funding, ACHRC is requesting grants for budgeting future needs such as staff, investigators, etc., more financials to power the work to be done by the commission.

Chairperson Pang advised commissioners to give feedback at the June meeting on their ability to attend meetings in person downtown, and if starting at 8:30 AM needed adjustment. He noted there could also be potential to have breakfast after the meeting, and that he strongly prefers face to face meetings to facilitate ongoing items. Ms. Buannic advised that any changes to meeting location or time could not take effect without appropriate public notice. Commissioner Vokes noted she will not be able to make June's meeting.

Chairperson Pang stated the month of July would have no meeting of the commission, and they will return to monthly meetings in August.

- 5. Staff and Committee Reports
  - a. Law Department: None; Ms. Liebenguth was not present for the meeting.
  - b. Human Resources Department: None

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- 6. Strategic Initiatives and Process Improvement: Awaiting feedback from discussion with Grant Gittlen and Housing and Urban Development.
- 7. Community Events: May is Mental Health Awareness Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- 8. Announcements and Open Floor: None
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 AM.

## **Review Group #1**

Arthur Pang, Rev. Mary Ann Trifaro, and J. Nicole Rhodes

## **Review Group #2**

Leslie Paul Jamerson, Tanya Vokes, and Kellie Ware, Esq.

## **Motions Commissioner**

J. Nicole Rhodes