

# Metuchen Human Relations Commission

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

## AGENDA

**Call Meeting to order at 7:30 PM sharp:** Hazel-Anne Johnson & Nicole Blankiet

**Welcome to any members of the public/public comment:** Hazel-Anne Johnson & Nicole Blankiet

**Review & Approval of June minutes:** Asela Mourao

**Report from the Council Liaison:** Sheri-Rose Rubin

**Comments sent from the public:** Hazel-Anne Johnson

### Old Business and Next Steps:

- BOE Updates: Ben Small
- Book Club/Speaker Series update - Leah
  - Ethel Brooks, Rutgers Professor & Metuchen resident to speak at November 13<sup>th</sup> book club event.
- Nicole: Grant Speaker Update – Discussion on dates & choice of speaker
- 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Training Workshop update
  - Hazel-Anne: Training session scheduled with Metuchen Chamber of Commerce at September 25<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting. Sheri-Rose and Hazel-Anne will prepare a 45-minute presentation.

### New Business

- Drag Queen Story Hour Discussion
- High School Junior Student Liaison
- Neve Shalom – “World Café: A Community Conversation” Discussion around the recent immigrant experience
- Metuchen Peace Mural Project – potential collaboration with Metuchen Arts Council, the MDA or both.
- Country Fair (October) – Lead & Sub committee
- Winter Parade (November) – Lead & Sub committee
- Human Rights Day (December) including Grant Speaker – Lead & Sub committee
- Father Zellely – Lead (January 2020) – Update New Hope Baptist MLK event in Metuchen for MLK Day.
- Website updates of minutes & agendas.

### Upcoming Meeting/Important Dates

- Book Club Speaker Series – August 28<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Metuchen Country Fair – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Current Commission Members

1. Nicole Blankiet	2. Sophie Falkenstein	3. Richard Green, III
4. Leah Jiorle	5. Hazel-Anne Johnson	6. Kevin McPeck
7. Asela Mourao	8. Ozair Omarzai	9. Sheri-Rose Rubin
10. Ben Small	11. Jordan Valiquette	12. Reena Wade
13. Ed Zellely	14. *Intern: Rob Facchini	