



Human Relations Commission
Meeting Notes Draft
February 22, 2021 7:00 PM
Zoom Virtual Meeting
West Orange NJ 07052

1. Call to order 7:04

[Attendance](#)

Guests: Fr. Miguel Hernandez, Maria Vera

2. Acceptance of minutes of the last regular meeting of the Commission
Dagmar motions/Marguerite Seconds Motion passes

3. Report from the Chairperson (n/a)

4. Old business

Honoring Joe Suriano- Joyce and Dagmar will work on gathering more information to include on the website.

- Joyce sent content via email. This can act as an intro.
- Dagmar sent a suggestion about capturing comments/testimony from the community. Encourage pictures, stories, etc.
- Be sure to communicate to his daughters.
- David wants to ensure we are careful about how we introduce this to the town, considering other people in the town who may want/need to be honored considering legacy. Consistency around criteria.
- Perhaps we can create criteria to have a formal process for honoring community members on a semi-regular basis like an HRC Hall of Fame or something.
- Recognizing people in the community who are not usually recognized.
- Dawn, Joyce and Shakira will work on identifying criteria for honoring 2 community members per year- start.

Ordinance and By Law change review- Joyce said at the last meeting she will present her suggested changes.

Will submit via email.



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Shannon to send the track changes version to Joyce.

Review task force action items- Each person was going to identify their top priorities.

5. New business

Black History Month Review

- Pat wants to point out that Black history NOT be confined just to Black history month.
- Dawn said we should acknowledge different cultures each month. The group agrees. March- Women's History.
- Asmeret will send list from Essex County.
- Shari can share the list of cultural groups that we can reach out to for them to share details/information.
- David wants to point out that heritage months bring attention to cultures that are often overlooked or brought to the attention of others. European history is given attention so we may want to consider how and who we honor in these spaces.
- We have to be careful of excluding other cultures.

Out and Around West Orange News Blast

We can submit items to share with the community weekly/monthly.

FB Admin-

David will be admin until May.

Adopt a Student- Dawn

- If anyone wants to identify a student to adopt, let her know.
- List of items.
- Wish list, messages, etc.
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376011552609847/?ref=share>

6. Other/Public Comment

None

~ Fostering good will, cooperation and conciliation among groups in the Community ~



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7. Adjournment 8:21



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Next Meeting Dates
 March 22
 April 26
 May 24

TO DO

Item	Who/What	Date
Honoring WO“Unsung Heros”	Dawn, Joyce and Shakira to meet to create a plan	Proposal by March meeting
Ordinance Updates	Shannon to send Joyce track changes version Joyce to update and send out	ASAP
Task Force Item Report	Shannon to create and share	Before next meeting