

Human Relations Commission meeting Thursday February 3, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

1. Call to order 7:02 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Carolyn Carey, Linda Jeski, Karell Rose, Christy Shaher, Ritu Goel, Beena Pandit
 - b. Absent: Stephanie Weintraub, Anitha Elango, MJ Hockenberry
 - c. Guests: Mayor Liz Pendleton, Liaison Erica Evans, Susan Stern, Jay Tulin and Myra Clark-Siegel
3. Approval of minutes of December and January. Motion by Commissioner Carey 2nd by Commissioner Jeski. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Input – none
5. Chairs Report – none
6. Liaison Report – none
7. Guest Speaker – Myra Clark-Siegel with the American Jewish Committee was introduced. Ms. Clark-Siegel gave an overview on Antisemitism and creation of committee. She provided the definition of Antisemitism.

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Our mayor will be bringing a document to sign forming a partnership with conference across the country that our against antisemitism. She will also be providing information to the Town Council meeting on Monday February 7th, 2022.

She will also provide the flowing links that have more information with more information:

<https://www.ajc.org/the-working-definition-of-antisemitism>

<https://www.ajc.org/mayors>

<https://www.ajc.org/sites/default/files/pdf/2021-01/MAYORS%20UNITED%20AGAINST%20ANTISEMITISM%20Statement.pdf>

8. Photography Contest

Commissioner Pandit updated the committee on the progress of the photography contest. All the forms have been prepared and are posted on HRC facebook. Members are asked to share the link.

Entry deadline is June 24th, 2022. July will be used for judging. Reception and awards ceremony will take place the 1st week in August. Entries will be displayed at the library during the month of August.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Jeski to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 seconded by Commissioner Carey. Motion carried unanimously.