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# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lawrence Twp., NJ

**Culture – Ethnicity – Diversity**

## **Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021**

Call to Order: Teresita Bastides-Heron called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Attendance: Teresita Bastides-Heron, Ken Bernabe, John Gaskins, Cindy Hollender, Nabeel Hassan, Hardat Singh.

Absent: Indy Sidhu (excused), Manuel Torres (excused), Councilman John Ryan (excused), Lt. Timothy Drew.

Approval of meeting minutes: The minutes for April 19, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Comments from the public: None.

Programs: Mrs. Mao says she will have 3 Chinese students for the Yo Yo presentation. Maybe her granddaughter will do a dance. Tae Kwon Do will be the last presentation. The Irish School is closed due to covid. Councilman John Ryan called and said the Township has approved having Diversity Day. School will open full time in September.

Food Trucks: Having food trucks raises question of whether Jewish people and Muslims can be served Kosher and Halal. Seniors won't come if they have to pay for the food. Nabeel will investigate Halal Food Trucks – he thinks there may be one at Rutgers.

Cindy Hollender will try to see if there is a kosher food truck. Ken Bernabe says need menu early and look at prices. Food trucks may be too expensive. Cindy says we can set up outside and do food as normal, maybe getting extra money for tables. Cindy suggested that if outside we need to think about the A/V system. She also said that we could try a cordless mic and rent tables.

Hardat Singh says he is very optimistic that we will back to normal by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy Hollender: Can we have the best of both worlds and have this in and out at the High School, to reduce density inside. We don't know what the attendance will be – could be an increase because one of the last nice weekends.

Teresita Bastides-Heron: We have to see what the school board says.

John R. Gaskins: Volunteers should be fully vaccinated.

Ken Bernabe: What have we decided? I don't think we have the resources to do it outside and we would be at the mercy of the weather.

Cindy Hollender: We need to find out how much the food trucks will cost. Maybe we tell council that we can't do it outside due to cost of food trucks.

Teresita Bastides-Heron: We will investigate all possibilities.

John R. Gaskins: The traditional way would be best.

Consensus: Weather could be an issue, if held outdoors.

Ken Bernabe: Maybe we need to devote our resources to indoors given our discussion tonight.

Consensus: Best to hold event inside as traditional. Weather, People power, tables, chairs, A/V system, bathrooms, Parking, Cost of food trucks. We made a decision then.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Ken Bernabe says that Councilman John Ryan suggested a meeting outside.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be via Zoom at 7 pm on June 16, 2021

Respectfully Submitted  
Human Relations Committee  
John R. Gaskins, Vice Chair