



AGENDA

Monday, October 14, 2019

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

John Link Government Center Conference Room

200 S. Cameron St., Hillsborough, NC

- I. **Call to Order** – *Deborah Stroman, Chair*
- II. **Introductions**
- III. **Minutes Approval** – *September 9, 2019*
- IV. **Special Guest** – **Sheriff Charles Blackwood**
- V. **HRC Chair's Report**
- VI. **County Updates**
- VII. **Election of Secretary**
- VIII. **Appointment for Fair Housing Reconsideration Panel (3 member panel)**
- IX. **Applications and Recommendations (3 vacancies)**
- X. **HRC Events & Committee Reports**
 - A. Pauli Murray Awards
 1. Planning Committee Report: Ana Garcia-Turner, Debby Stroman, Frances Castillo
 2. Youth contest update and speaker suggestions
 - B. Forum
 1. Planning Committee Report: Allison Mahaley, Marc Xavier
 2. Logistics
 - C. 2020 Community Read
 1. Planning Committee Report: Samantha Beecham, James Spivey, Frances Castillo
 2. Book title discussion
 - D. Orange County Racial Justice Convention
 1. Volunteers for Planning Committee
 2. Logistics
- XI. **Other Business/Announcements/Upcoming Events**
- XII. **Adjourn**
 - A. NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 11, 2019 at Animal Services

C. Charge

1. The charge of the Human Relations Commission is as follows:
 - a. study and make recommendations concerning problems in the field of human relationships;
 - b. anticipate and discover practices and customs most likely to create animosity and unrest and to seek solutions to problems as they arise;
 - c. make recommendations designed to promote goodwill and harmony among groups in the County irrespective of their race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance;
 - d. monitor complaints involving discrimination;
 - e. address and attempt to remedy the violence, tensions, polarization, and other harm created through the practices of discrimination, bias, hatred, and civil inequality; and
 - f. promote harmonious relations within the county through hearings and due process of law.

SECTION II: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Goals

1. The Human Relations Commission shall seek to prevent and eliminate bias and discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance.
2. Advise the Orange County Board of Commissioners with respect to matters relating to human relations and/or social justice issues.
3. Cooperate with and seek to advise and coordinate the activities of persons or groups interested in human relations and/or social justice issues.
4. Conduct inquiries and hear appeals as may reasonably appear necessary to find the facts with respect to allegations of discrimination.

B. Objectives

1. The Human Relations Commission shall by means of education, persuasion, conciliation and enforcement and utilize all of the powers at its disposal to achieve its goals.
2. Keep abreast of national, state, and local human rights and social justice issues and advise, make recommendations and/or provide information to the Board of County Commissioners regarding human relations and/or social justice issues.
3. Develop and maintain collaborative relationships/partnerships within the various communities (faith, business, residents, government, for-profit and non-profit sectors, etc.).
4. Received allegations of discriminatory housing and public accommodation practices
5. Host public meetings/events regarding human rights and/or social justice issues.

[Source: Orange County Human Relation Commission Policies and Procedures.]