



CIVIL RIGHTS TASK FORCE
Tuesday, July 6 2021
7:30 P.M. | Via Web-Conference

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2021 (see attached).
3. Traffic Stop Presentation by the Cheltenham Township Police Department.
4. Status Update on Citizens Police Advisory Committee Proposal.
5. Cheltenham High School Graduation Speech.
6. Old Business.
7. New Business.
8. Open Discussion.
9. Adjournment.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

A meeting of the **Civil Rights Task Force** for May 2021 was held tonight via web conference. Members in attendance were: Irv Brockington, Liza Meiris, Wendy Blutstein, and Jake Marcus. Staff present: Charlyn Battle, Director of Human Resources. Guests present Barbara Frutchy, Sue Crathern and Diana Medley.

1. Mr. Brockington called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. The Meeting Minutes for May 2021 were accepted.

3. Presentation from the Springfield Township Opioid Action Committee:

Ms. Frutchy, organizer of the Committee, provided an overview of the committee, when it started and how it serves the community. This organization helps bring awareness to the community about drug overdoses. They partner with the community, schools and Police Departments to provide education and help change the stigma about the opioid epidemic. They provide boxes with Narcan and educational materials that explain what an overdose looks like, what to do if an overdose occurs, and pamphlets for young adults and family members on how to get help. Mr. Brockington asked if Ms. Frutchy has reached out to our Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee. Ms. Frutchy said she has reached out to them and is waiting to hear back from them.

4. Update on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Cheltenham School District and the Cheltenham Township Police Department:

Ms. Meiris discussed the MOU and how it outlines how and when the Police should interact with students. The MOU only has twenty offenses now, the District Attorney signature is no longer on there and it strengthens the language around parents, to make sure they are present whenever a child is being questioned by the Police. Mr. Brockington stated that this is a win for all of the students.

5. Discussion on Cheltenham Township Police Data:

Ms. Meiris noted that she did not receive the Police Data. Mr. Brockington said he would follow up with the Township Manager

6. Civil Rights Task Force (CRTF) Flyer:

Mr. Brockington asked where the flyer would be distributed. Ms. Meiris said various community social media sites. Mr. Brockington said he would list it on the Public Affairs agenda to be reviewed and approved by the Committee and would then have it posted to the Township website.

7. Discussion on Black Lives Matter (BLM) mural:

Ms. Meiris said she would like to utilize the bulletin board on Tookany Creek Parkway for a mural, as this is a very traversed area and everyone would be able to see it. The mural would focus on the history of Cheltenham. Mr. Brockington suggested asking the schools to be involved in this project.

8. Old Business:

A. Ms. Marcus talked about the Civilian Police Oversight Research proposal. There are many different models and resources out there. Ms. Marcus is still working on a proposal to present to the Task Force. Mr. Brockington said once the proposal is ready to be presented, he would list it on the agenda and invite the Township Manager and Township Solicitor.

9. New Business:

A. Mr. Brockington announced that beginning July 2021; the Civil Rights Task Force will continue to meet on a monthly basis, changing its meeting date from the first Thursday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

10. Open Discussion- None.

11. Mr. Brockington adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.



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Per Charlyn Battle