

**PRINCETON CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 25th, 6:00 PM**



**Commissioner Attendees:** Chair Tommy Parker, Vice Chair Sherrod Smith, Secretary Nick Di Domizio, Karen Hernandez-Granzen, Howard Levy, Lew Maltby, Anastasia Mann, Surinder Sharma

**Absent Members:** Fern Spruill

**Liaison:** Councilwoman Leticia Fraga

**Members of the Public:** Wilma Solomon

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.
- II. Commissioner Di Domizio read the Land Acknowledgment.
- III. March Minutes were approved.
- IV. Council Liaison Report
  - a. Community Center Task Force
    - i. Focused on meeting needs of residents, like those who do not have access to resources
    - ii. Needs assessment by Human Services Commission
    - iii. Task members from Corner house, recreation, human services
    - iv. Council liaison, Senior Resource Center, Public Library + School Representatives
    - v. Youth Advisory Committee & CRC liaisons needed.
    - vi. Chair Parker to identify one liaison for task force
    - vii. Application for 4 community members at-large.
  - b. Healthcare Guarantee Act
    - i. Drafted Resolution Specific to Princeton
    - ii. We as a community believe that access to healthcare is a human right
  - c. Permit Parking Task Force
    - i. Address parking needs of residents, employees and visitors
    - ii. 20 different permitting/parking systems across Princeton
    - iii. Most of the council feels like this is an issue of equity
    - iv. Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood is most affected.
    - v. Residents in former Township get free permits and tree streets (former Borough) have to pay
    - vi. Take a look at the presentation and the video from council meeting
  - d. Civilian Review Board (CRB)
    - i. When Subcommittee is ready, attend public safety committee meeting to present
    - ii. Chief of Police Morgan, Councilwomen Eve Niedergang and Michelle Pirone-Lambros are members of the committee.
  - e. Vaccine Clinic
    - i. Lupita Groceries Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, May 27th 2:30-6:00pm. No appointments necessary

- f. Questions
  - i. Commissioner Sharma - Question on Racial Equity Toolkit AKA REIA and getting traction on reviewing with Administrator
    - 1. Council Liaison Fraga responded saying that the new administrator needs to finish onboarding and meeting department heads and BCC's including the CRC. The meeting regarding toolkit should be a separate meeting from the introductory one.
    - 2. Council Liaison Fraga is going to reach out to Administrator Bernard Hvozdovic Jr. and copy Chair Parker and Commissioner Sharma
  - ii. Commissioner Maltby - Do we have an understanding that a new ordinance will not get voted on until there is an REIA?
- V. One year Anniversary of George Floyd is today.
  - a. Generated conversations like Where do we go from here? Are you a believer that we are moving forward?
  - b. Commissioner Hernandez-Granzen reminded everyone of the term Compassion Fatigue
  - c. Council Liaison Fraga noted that this day passed and we realized we should have done something. The CRC should think ahead plan.
  - d. Commissioner Mann reminded folks about Charity fatigue, active on voting rights advocacy.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Civilian Review Board
    - i. Commissioner Maltby reported that the subcommittee met with Linda Oppenheim & Shirley Satterfield
    - ii. Shirley Satterfield is meeting Leighton Newlin and the Witherspoon Jackson Neighborhood Association.
    - iii. Chair Parker is setting up dialogue with Mayor Freda and Police Chief Morgan
  - b. Equity and Reparations
    - i. Chairs for the committees
    - ii. Going to be a very long process, couple of years of effort to make a recommendation.
    - iii. Commissioner Sharma provided a PowerPoint to the commission compiling local and statewide findings with references.
      - 1. <https://bit.ly/3vmb0v9>
- VII. Chair Report
  - a. Please read the enabling ordinance
- VIII. Juneteenth
  - a. Co-sponsoring activity at the event on June 19th. Outreach from Valeria Torres-Olivares is coordinating from the student side.
  - b. Commission is working on resolution for Juneteenth. Working on draft to send to the greater commission for review + comment. I plan is to adopt during council meeting on June 14th.

- c. Vice Chair Smith asked folks to expedite their review of the final Juneteenth resolution within 48 hours of receiving it. The link will be sent to a Google Doc to make commenting easier.
- IX. Commissioner Comments
  - a. Princeton Community Pride Picnic
    - i. Commissioner DiDomizio invited all of the commissioners to attend the event on Saturday, June 5th at the YMCA field from 5-7PM.
    - ii. Laid-back event, community sponsors and organizations will have tables
    - iii. Could use one or two members of the commission would be appreciated to stand at the CRC table
    - iv. Chair Parker noted that all of commissioners have a responsibility to be involved with this event.
  - b. Community Dialogue with Mayor
    - i. The CRC is thinking that another dialogue is needed with the community + Mayor
- X. Public Comment
  - a. Wilma Solomon wanted to invite the Commission to attend the Not In Our Town Annual Unity Awards on Sunday June 6th at 4pm
  - b. Wanted to reiterate Chair Parker's statement and recognize truth of this community's history
  - c. Chair Parker recognized that Not In Our Town has been a long-time community partner. They have been the CRC's go-to resource, more recently for community dialogues.
  - d. Commissioner DiDomizio to put the Unity Awards on the Webpage.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

**The next meeting of the CRC will be Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 at 6pm.**

**Please provide agenda items for the next meeting to Chair Parker, Vice-Chair Smith and Secretary Di Domizio by Tuesday, June 15th, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Di Domizio, Secretary