



MINUTES CITY OF RAHWAY

Social Justice Commission - Rahway Recreation Center – Room 110
Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM



Board Secretary, Daija Robinson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

This Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Union County Local Source, Home News Tribune, and the Star Ledger. In addition, copies of notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the Office of the City Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given; the Board Secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Kiana Amaya, Samantha Harries, Jessie Wilson, Marti Robinson, Kenneth Houston, Karla Alvarez, Najah Allen (via phone)

3. MINUTES

- a. Kiana A. motioned to approve minutes from 2/27/23 regular meeting. Jessie W. seconded that motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

4. INTRODUCTION OF CITY OF RAHWAY'S BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- a. Mr. Jonathan Parham introduced himself to the commission.

5. WORDS FROM OUR CO-CHAIR (SAMANTHA HARRIES)

- a. Samantha H. is working with Najah Allen to set up Breakfast After the Bell program.
- b. Kenneth H. suggested we hold off discussing Community Policing with the new police chief until more research is done.
- c. Kiana A. presented a proposal by artist, Louie Blaka, regarding a mural for the city's Juneteenth event.

6. WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR (MARTI)

- a. Marti R. presented draft vision and mission statement. Commissioners shared suggestions and revisions.
- b. Najah A. explained the CLAW Program.
- c. Meet and greet, business cards, headshots, and biographies discussion put on hold until the next meeting.

7. LOOKING AHEAD & MOVING FORWARD (MARTI)

- a. The Commission will meet with the police chief in the future.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. None.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. Kiana A. asked that sub-committees communicate better.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. At 8:30 PM all voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.