

TCHI Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022

In attendance, Chairman Kyle Brogden, Councilman Jeff Varnerin, Councilman John foster; Tiffany Escott- YMCA, Pastor Kamelesh- Asian Indian Church of Berkeley Heights, Mayor Angie Devanney

- Mayor Devanney mentioned the need to expand the membership to assist with goals and tasks of committee
- Need a LGBTQ+ committee member, preferably in time for Pride Month
- Tiffany Escott volunteered to reach out to SAGA and CMS LGBTQ+ groups to ask if they would participate in flag raising on June 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM, in front of Town Hall
- Ritu Chandra will be providing a victim's rights advocacy & protocol presentation in Conference Session at the next Council meeting, May 3th at 7 PM
- Chairman Kyle Brogden suggested that a banner is printed and hung at Town Hall for AAPI Heritage Month since a flag does not exist at this time; Angie will reach out ot County print shop
- Requested that all diversity events and information is sent to Liza to create page for website
- Pride Month celebration co-hosted by YMCA and Berkeley Heights Diversity Council on June 16th in the Y parking lot
- Angie requested the committee review the Diversity Survey of Boards and Commissions. She revised it based on previous feedback. It is worth points toward Sustainable New Jersey designation gold/silver/bronze.
- Town wide Garage Sale to benefit Ukrainian is schedule for May 7th from 9 Am – 2 PM
- The Asian Indian Church of Berkeley Heights is interested in continuing their efforts to provide a food pantry; TCHI committee will partner with the church to help with a food drive; Tiffany Escott suggested a table or drop off location during the Street Fair on June 5th since it draws a large community crowd.
- Next meeting 5/23/22 at 7 PM on Angie's personal Zoom.