***Mission Statement:*** ***The Montgomery County Committee Against Hate/Violence works to eradicate acts of hate and intimidation through community education, advocacy, collaboration, and legislation.***

**Meeting Date and Time**: **WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2024; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Virtual-only meeting

**Zoom Meeting:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82447362082**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82447362082) **Meeting ID: 824 4736 2082**

**Phone Number: 301-715-8592**

1. List of attendees:

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|  | Voting Members | Non-voting members |
| Present | Pablo Blank, Chair  Gabrielle Zwi, Vice-Chair  Sanjeet Sam Dey, Secretary  Richard Allen  Tony Jia  Maria Herrera  Stephany Troyer  Sheik Hassan | Anis Ahmed, Office of Human Rights  James Stowe, Director OHR  Loretta Garcia, Office of Human Rights  Rachel Breslin, Human Rights Commission  Kate Chance, Office of Community Partnerships  Wesley Darden, Office of County Council member Mink  Capt Jordan Satisnky, MCPD |
| Absent | Leah Michaels  Vanessa Morris  Femi Richards  Susan Stolov  Lisa Taylor  Craig Simon | Selena Singleton, County Council  Lt. Jeff Innocenti, MCPD  Kimberly Jones, Motgomery College  Janita Love, MCPS |

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm. There was not quorum at that time. Quorum was reached at 8:02pm. The meeting started with information sections. No decision was made until quorum was reached.
2. MCPD report.
   1. Members discussed different incidents included in the July 2024 Hate incident report. The report includes a lower number of cases. Main reason may be related to the school reassess and vacation periods.
   2. Members also discussed a series of incidents that happened in the Bethesda area. There is not much information as this time, as MCPD is still investigating the cases.

**Next actions:**

* + - 1. No pending action items for MCPD.

1. Schedule meeting with MCPS
   1. Janita Love offered to meet with CAHV members to discuss procedures and forms that student and families should file when they are victims of bias, hate, and/or bullying.
   2. Most members express they would be available On Wednesday, August 21 at 9am.

**Next actions:**

* + - 1. Schedule meeting with MCPS and send link to all CAVH members.

1. Friendship Picnic
   1. Date is Sunday 9/15.
   2. Members reviewed the status of different planning items:
      1. Layout: We should avoid mixing sounds from the stage and the carrousel.
      2. Food: We will have three stations under designated pavilions (Halal, Ethiopian, and Falafel/Veggie food) and two food trucks (Traditional and Latino food)
      3. Flyer. Anis recovered the email with the last edits. Anis will submit the flyer for final design and translation into Spanish. We aim to have the final version of the flyer by Friday 8/16.
      4. Communications: OHV will coordinate a meeting with Jennifer G. from County Comms team. The Chair will send some optional dates.

Tony can share flyer and more info with “MoCoShow,” an Instagram account.

* + 1. Entertainment: We will have 5 shows for adults. Three of them are confirmed. Anis will call “8 de Bastos” to confirm them, or look for an option.
    2. Kids activities: All but one activity already confirmed, including puppets, face painting, and inflatables.
    3. Parking: MCPD will coordinate to place electronic signs on Georgia Ave. to nudge people into parking on overflow parking lots.

Anis will design “Parking Passes” for VIPs and CAVH Committee members.

We will ensure enough “handicapped space” on the Park’s parking.

We are waiting response from DOT on buses to/from Park-overflow parking spaces.

* + 1. Exhibitions: Expecting 20/30 exhibitors. We are prioritizing those who were with us in the previous years. Exhibitors cannot sell products. It is only about information sharing.

Anis will share the list of exhibitors and the form to register new ones (For example, promoting organ donation.)

* + 1. 10th Anniversary. We will recognize on stage the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair members during the previous 9 years, who organized the Picnic.

Dr. Stowe will issue a County citation recognizing them.

Members are: Lorraine Lee, Ruth Megan, Lisa Taylor, and Craig Simon.

* + 1. Volunteers: Pablo will engage AmeriCorps members. Dr. Stowe will contact the MoCo Volunteer Center and the Re-entry Center to recruit volunteers.
    2. Emcee. Dr. Stowe will recruit a TV personality to share stage with Gabrielle.
    3. VIP invites. OHR will send them next week. They will also include MCPS Superintendent.
    4. Survey to attendees. OHR will check with PIO and confirmed we can do it.

Once confirmed, OHR will work with IT to create a QR code and online version.

We should also have paper version for those attendees who are not tech savvy.

Can we add a question about the type of food they would have preferred to have at the picnic?

* + 1. Friendship Game. OHR will check with PIO and confirmed we can do it. Then, we plan to print 2,000 boards.

**Next actions:**

Actions are described above.

1. Members expressed their interest for recovering the content and action plan developed at a CAVH retreat two years ago.

**Next actions:** The Chair will procure documentation from that retreat. The Committee will analyze this content in the October meeting.

1. Once quorum was reached, members made a series of votes.
   1. Sam motioned to adopt the August meeting agenda. Richard seconded. All members voted in favor. The August meeting agenda was adopted.
   2. Richard motioned to approved the July meeting minutes as submitted. Maria seconded. All members voted in favor. The July meeting minutes was adopted.
2. Gabrielle moved to adjourn the meeting, and Maria seconded. Members voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.