**CAHV Agenda**

***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, January 10, 2024; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**In Person:** **Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Ave., Suite 330, Rockville, MD**

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**Via Zoom**

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Who** | **Time** | **Action** |
|  | Call meeting to order  | Lisa Taylor | 7:03 p.m. | Opening |
|  | Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes | Carig Simon | 7:05 p.m. | A motion was raised to approve both the November 2023 and December 2023 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded and the minutes for both meetings were approved.Attendees: Lisa Taylor, Craig Simon, Sue Stolov, Richard Taylor, Maria Herrera, Pablo Blank, Sam Dey, Tony Jia, Femi Richards, Stephanie Troyer, Gabrielle Zwi, Captain Jordan Satinsky (MCPD), Selina Singleton (Montgomery County Council), Councilmember Mink, Director Jim Stowe, Anis Ahmed, Loretta Garcia, Rachael Breslin (Montgomery County Human Rights Commission)Absent: Dr. Sheik Hassan, Kate Chance, Greg Edmundson (MCPS) |
|  | Montgomery County Police Report | Captain Jordan Satinsky | 7:05 p.m. | Capt. Satinsky discussed 16 incidents from December 2023. Key points: (1) the majority of the incidents were anti-Jewish (10 of the 16); (2) several incidents involved criminal activity (bomb threat and stolen cellphone); and (3) in a separate report, there were 23 incidents in December arising from MCPS with a significant number originating in elementary and middle schools. Here again, anti-Jewish incidents remain high. Comments: * MCPD offers a free course which shares best practices to survive an active shooter event – “Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events” (CRASE) Training. For further information, including how to sign up for a class, residents can call their local district police station; CRASE training will accommodate languages other than English.
* Craig noted that there tends to be a correlation between an increase in anti-Jewish incidents in schools and the teaching of the Holocaust.
* Pablo emphasized that when a classroom is exposed to a hate symbol (e.g., a swastika), the victim is not merely the student who may identify as Jewish but rather everyone in the class is negatively affected.
* There was a brief discussion regarding phrasing/terminology relating to bias incidents and bias reporting. It was cautioned that while one can say “there has been an increase/decrease in bias reports;” it is problematic to say “there has been an increase/decrease in bias incidents” because it is clear that not all incidents are reported for a variety of reasons (language barriers, distrust of law enforcement, etc.).
* There was a brief discussion regarding the use of the word “supposedly” in the police report, specifically in reference to an anti-Latino incident. It was cautioned that the use of such a word trivializes the nature of the bias report and may indicate a deeper cultural insensitivity on the part of certain officers within the department.

**ACTION: Captain Satinsky agreed to investigate this matter and report back to the Committee**  |
|  | MCPS’s Post October 7th Response to the Jewish and Muslim Community | MCPS | 7:25 pm | **ACTION: Selena is working to schedule a meeting with MCPS (Damon Monteleone, Associate Superintendent, Office of Wellbeing, Learning, and Achievement) that will involve members from the Montgomery County Anti-Hate Task Force to discuss next steps with respect to any recommendations related to the school system.**Comments: * Pablo asked if it would be possible to provide questions to Selena that could be raised in the meeting between the Anti-Hate Task Force representatives and MCPS. Director Stowe stated that he will be meeting with the MCPS Superintendent Dr. Monifa McKnight regarding more consistent MCPS participation in the CAHV meetings and those questions could be raised in that discussion.

**ACTION: Pablo will compile a list of questions from CAHV Members in a shared Google document related to bias incidents in MCPS schools which Director Stowe will deliver to the Superintendent prior to their planned discussion. As a follow-up, Director Stowe will invite the Superintendent to attend a future CAHV meeting.**  * A suggestion was raised to place the CAHV’s brochure in the hands of every MCPS student (approximately 164,000 individuals). After a discussion, it was agreed that any paper brochures should be distributed to elementary school students (70,000+ students); middle and high school students would be better suited to electronic distribution.

**ACTION: Anis will reach out to the printing office for a brochure production quote.** |
|  | Elections for February Meeting (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) | Lisa Taylor | 7:45 pm | Officer elections will be held at the February meeting. |
|  | Friendship Picnic Procurement Responsibilities  | OHR | 8:00 pm | Director Stowe recommended that CAHV identify a prime contractor who could retain subcontractors to prepare food and provide music and other entertainment at the upcoming Friendship Picnic. **ACTION: Lisa, Pablo, and Stephanie will serve on a Subcommittee to prepare an RFP to retain a prime contractor to oversee food and entertainment at the Friendship Picnic** |
|  | Anti-Hate Task Force Next Steps | Lisa TaylorOHR | 8:15 p.m. | **ACTION: Selina will provide an update regarding the next steps for the Anti-Hate Task Force at out next meeting.**  |
|  | Ad Hoc Federal Hate Crimes Committee with training attendees | Richard Allen | 8:30 p.m. | **ACTION: Richard will draft a letter to the members of the public who attended the training, setting forth options for collaboration with CAHV.**  |
|  | Memorandum of Understanding | Lisa Taylor | 8:40 p.m. | **ACTION: Director Stowe will share his comments with CAHV regarding the MOU which Lisa revised. Director Stowe will also share the MOU with the Superintendent at their upcoming meeting.** |
| 10. | Pending Matters* Action Items re: Listening Session with Muslim Community (November CAHV Meeting)
* Training
* Rapid Response Team
* Hate Speech in Maryland Court Room
* Letter to the County Council and County Executive Re Rockville Peace Rally
 | Lisa Taylor | 8:55 p.m. | * There has been no action/response to the January 3rd letter to the County Executive and County Council related to events at the Rockville Peace Rally.

 * The City of Rockville Mayor and Council on December 18th unanimously passed a resolution, “Rejecting Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Israeli, Anti-Arab, Antisemitism, Anti-Jewish, and Anti-Muslim Hate in the City of Rockville.”

 <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2104>  |
| 11. | * Adjourn meeting
 | Lisa Taylor | 9:00 p.m. | **The next meeting will be February 21, 2024** |
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