

Abington Human Relations Commission: Jan. 6, 2021

Present: Shelley, Kristin, Jeffrey, Rosemary, Razinn. Guests: Deputy Chief Kelley Warner, Drew Kent – APD

December minutes approved.

Discussion: Presentation of Movie (Walking While Black) with APD

Kristin, who has facilitated a discussion on the movie previously so she volunteered to facilitate our program. We will show the 60 minute version of the movie and then have an hour and a quarter discussion in small breakout groups and then a 15 minute wrap-up for the full group. Each break-out group will be led by a member of the HRC and an officer from the Abington Police Dept. Before the movie there will be a brief introduction and before the breakout groups we'll review the mission of the HRC and guidelines for discussion.

Kristin will create a registration form and we'll register the first 40 people who apply. Maria Wyrsta will check with the Township office on the best way to do this. We'll promote the event on both free and paid social media, our webpage, and will ask the Township Commissioners to put it on their pages and speak about the program to their constituents. We're hoping to get a diverse audience and, while the program is intended for people who live, work, and volunteer in the Township we've decided not to limit enrollment to that group. In addition, Kelley Warner will ask members of the Department to join in the discussion as group members (in addition to those who facilitate).

Date and time of program: Sunday Feb. 21, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:30.

At the HRC's Feb. 3 meeting, we'll have the police officers who will facilitate join us and pair up to meet and discuss the program with members of the HRC who will facilitate.

After the program, we'll evaluate and make any changes we deem necessary before scheduling additional programs.

Next Meeting: Feb. 3 @ 7:00.