

Abington HRC Meeting

April 14, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Kleiner, Kristin Chapin, Rosemary Jenkins

Guest Speaker Michele Cooper

- Michele talked about the increased violence and racist incidents against the AAPI community.
- We discussed doing something to show support for the AAPI community.
- Michele has spoken with John Spiegelman about a poster that might go in windows of Abington Township businesses.
- She has been trying to reach out to fellow Asian community member; what do people want, expect or need; so many different experiences that these communities are having.
- A township acknowledgement would feel great but doesn't know what type of format.
- Link to other townships who have put together proclamations of support.
- Asian community is very insular and quiet about what happens to them; her family didn't speak of it but their businesses were targeted. So this is why she wants to support the businesses.
- Importance of storytelling; making sure that the AAPI community in the township know how to be more vocal and represent themselves more; what to do if there is an incident.
- Hearing live testimony of community members experiencing hate could be helpful. The Asian community needs education on them to vote and support Asian candidates.
- HRC Statement and awareness campaign – galvanize around something positive – sharing stories.
- One incident in Abington Township – confrontation – an individual was targeted in the grocery store; a woman glaring at an Asian man and pushed her shopping cart on him.
- Michele will draft something for our Facebook page and contact County AAPI about meeting with them.
- We will reach out to Dave Rondinelli and talk about No Place for Hate

Abington Climate Collaboration – they asked for a representative from HRC on the collaboration; Joanne will participate.

Community Garden – there are a lot of requirements; still need to identify a location; consider former Glenside Weldon Elementary School plot; need to reach back out to AJ and set up a call.