



City of Salisbury
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023

Present

Committee Members: Kayla Somers, Suzi Peterson, Daniel Green, Teresa Thaxton, Maria Cornman, Johnathan Moore

Other: Jillian and Caroline, Fenix Youth Interns
Jessie Turner, City Staff Liaison

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Welcome & Introductions

Guest Presentation on Youth Homelessness in Salisbury

- Jillian and Caroline—Fenix Youth Project interns shared with the Committee a presentation on youth homelessness in Salisbury and the role of Fenix Youth Project. Fenix has a goal of feeding 12 youth each day. They also assist with the acquisition of benefits and are working towards a greater presence in Wicomico County Schools. The hours of operation of Fenix Youth Project are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am- 8 pm and Friday from noon- 8 pm. Jillian and Caroline will continue to update the HRAC on events and news from Fenix Youth Project. They also noted that November is National Runaway Prevention Month.

Open Form and Current Events

- Nominations of Officers
 - Suzi moved to take nominations for Chair, and Mikayla seconded. Mikayla nominated herself. Johnathan made a motion to approve, and Suze seconded.
 - Suzi nominated herself for Vice Chair. Mikayla made a motion to approve, and Johnathan seconded.
- Community Outreach—Moving forward, Mikayla would like to focus on community outreach efforts. The Committee discussed assembling a calendar of events and volunteer opportunities and really working on being a bridge to the public. Mikayla is going to do research and bring a calendar of events next month.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

- The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the HQ Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes Taken By: Jessie Turner, City of Salisbury staff liaison