MINUTES
LGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Present: Chair Beth Shapiro; Committee Members Daniel Barry, Sandy Aldieri, Sal Uccello, Ari Kubie, Phil Pessina, Vincent Dawes, Christine Santacroce, and Larry Timmons. Staff: Assistant General Counsel Christopher Forte. Chief of Staff to the Mayor: Bobbye Knoll Peterson.

Public: Matthew Grae LaRose, Andrea Boisseau, Marisol Rodriguez, Yasemin Ugurlu, Steven Kovach.

1. Call to Order By Staff.

Meeting was called to order by Staff at 5:31 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the June 18, 2019, August 20, 2019, and September 17, 2019 Regular Meetings.

MOTION: Committee Member Kubie made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Uccello seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously at 5:32 p.m.

3. Public Session on Agenda Items.

4. New Business:

1. Recognition of New Committee Members. Assistant General Counsel Forte introduce the new Committee Members Dawes and Timmons to the Committee.

2. Motion to Recommend Approval of the Creation of the Following Three Subcommittees for Pride 2020:

   i. Entertainment—Sal Uccello, Sandy Aldieri, and Matthew Grae LaRose.

   ii. Outreach and Education—Ari Kubie, Daniel Barry, Vincent Dawes, and Phil Pessina

   iii. Sponsorship—Laura Timmons, Beth Shapiro and Christine Santacroce.

MOTION: Committee Member Santacroce made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Pessina seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously at 5:37 p.m.
3. **Entertainment Subcommittee Updates for Pride 2020.** Subcommittee member LaRose discussed the creation of an application for applying to perform during Pride, about a photography area for the performers, and about the need to decorate the stage.

4. **Social Outreach and Education Subcommittee Updates for Pride 2020.** Committee Members Kubie and Barry discussed the creation of educational posters to be set up during pride, and the creation of a weekly post on Pride’s social media to educate people about why Pride is necessary. Discussed working with local GSA’s to get more youth involved in Pride. Committee Members Pessina and Barry discussed their plans to go tour other municipalities pride centers, to get an understanding on how to replicate one in Middletown.

5. **Sponsorship Committee Updates for Pride 2020.** Committee Members Shapiro and Santacroce discussed the restructuring of Pride’s website to accommodate sponsors, as well as a discussion on sponsorship tiers.

5. **Old Business:**

   A. **Updates from Staff.** Chief of Staff Knoll Peterson updated the Committee on the Mayor’s plans to raise the transgender flag at City Hall in honor of the Transgender Day of Remembrance the week of November 20, 2019.

6. **Adjournment.**

   **MOTION:** Committee Member Uccello made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Aldieri seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.