

Meeting Minutes  
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission

June 16, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Note: This is the first virtual meeting. Due to Covid 19, meetings were not held in March, April and May 2020.

Present: Greg Philips, Bill Del Collo, Tina Smith, Pat Jordan, Sara Seipel, Kenn Brown, Indra Mahabir (guest attendee)

Regrets: Dave Montalvo, Matthew McCaffery, Eileen Council

Welcome to new Commission member, Sara Seipel!

Discussion followed the post February meeting notes, emailed June 10<sup>th</sup> by Tina Smith for group review, additions, edits.

Discussion topics were

- 1) 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment educational events, celebrations
- 2) update on collaboration with Library, possible speaking, interactive children's event by author, Rashmi Bismark, M.D.
- 3) Updates on Moore-Irwin House

--Please see separate excel worksheet listing the work done, information shared on these topics over the last few months.

New topics:

--Supervisor Greg Philips introduced Indra who had contacted Greg about possible community meetings about injustices, diversity in our community. Questions like, "What feeling do I have," "What can I share?" in discussions for these focused community meetings. Another component of this would be recording oral histories. On this point of oral histories in the community, Greg mentioned that this could take place working with Don Herbert who worked on "Remember When" spots for Upper Merion TV channel

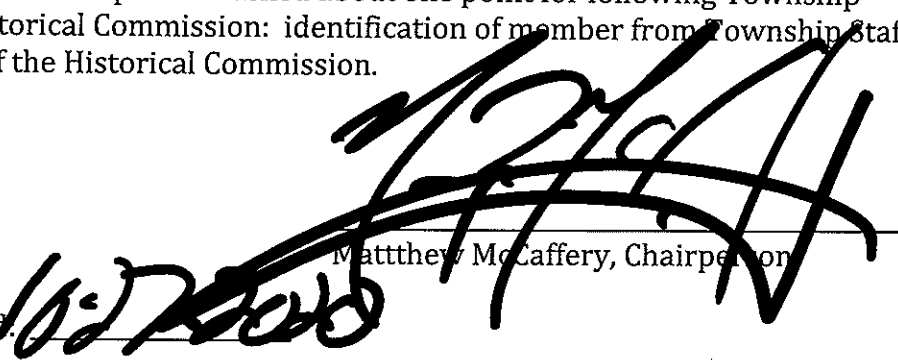
Various resources were mentioned, need everyone's input to make sure we capture these including:

- 1) Montco Vo-Tech
- 2) Superintendent of Schools
- 3) Upper Merion Police Dept.
- 4) Middle School Cultural celebrations
- 5) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations

Resources to be used to identify and create guidelines for questions, video guidelines for recording oral histories.

--Physical Location for various township historical documents and discussion of use of Sunny Hill Farm. Documents now stored in UM Township Library

--Administrative process question asked about one point for following Township guidelines for Historical Commission: identification of member from Township Staff to be a member of the Historical Commission.

  
Matthew McCaffery, Chairperson

Minutes Approved. 