Human Rights Commission Meeting – 10/26/16 APPROVED 1/25/2017

Commissioners attending:

1. Commissioners introduced themselves.
2. Barrie Gewanter reviewed 8 themes that had emerged from the discussion in the first meeting and provided a handout.
3. Bruce Carter began the discussion of the preliminary draft of the governance document. Several commissioners noted that governance document needed to be consistent with county regulations in this area. A number of suggestions were made for changes and revisions. Bruce agreed to address the changes and to bring a revised document to the November 26th meeting of the Commission.

Among the suggested changes. 24 members and each no more than two 3 year terms. 5 Standing Committees – Executive Committee, Outreach, Education or Civic Education, Advocacy

1. Shiu Kai Chin discussed his role on the Commission. Although he is committed to the Commission and its goals, he is an officer of 3 other organizations (Syracuse Airport, WCNY, and Interfaith Works) and so does not feel he can devote enough time/energy to continue leading the group after January. Discussion of future leadership continued. He indicated that he believed that the smoothest transition to a new Commission Chair would be in January.

He also noted that Barrie has been spectacular at pulling things together. Navigating a ship through body of water that takes knowledge of the terrain. That is the kind of person in leadership.

Shiu Kai agreed to draft a letter to the mayor and Legislative chair to complete the nomination of Commission members. Discussion followed.

Barrie agreed to send out copies of commissioners biographies (curriculum vitae).

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.