DOVER HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

JUNE 27, 2012 - 7:00 P.M. - Council Chambers - City Hall - City of Dover

Public comments are welcomed on any item and will be permitted at appropriate times. When possible, please notify the City Clerk (736-7008 or e-mail at cityclerk@dover.de.us) should you wish to be recognized.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Moment of Silence

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions

4. Adoption of Minutes

5. Comments/Presentations from Members of the Community

   This segment is provided to extend the opportunity to the general public to share their questions, thoughts, comments, concerns, and complaints. Discussion of any item appearing on the agenda is prohibited. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and this segment will not exceed 30 minutes.

6. Chair's Report (Sudler)

7. Committee Reports
   A. School Programs (Wasfi)
   B. Community Programs (Allen-Pyne)
   C. Assessment (Edamatsu)

8 Unfinished Business
   A. Final Draft of Cessation of Illegal Gang Formation in Dover
   B. Review of Questions from 2003 DHRC Survey
   C. Recommendations from March 28, 2012 Community Outreach Meeting
   D. Suggestions for Community Partnership & Workshops
   E. Final Draft of Crimes in Communities & High Learning Institutions

9. New Business
   A. DHRC Contractual Assistant

10. Scheduling of the Next Regular Meeting

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment by 9:00 P.M.

THE AGENDA ITEMS AS LISTED MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN SEQUENCE. THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OR THE DELETION OF ITEMS, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

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Chairman's Report
Submitted by: Roy Sudler, Jr.

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RESOLUTION: CESSATION OF GANG FORMATION IN DOVER, DELAWARE

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Whereas: Gangs are a group of individuals consisting of three or more persons who's demoralizing influence, common interest, attitude and graffiti signs significantly contribute to the commission of disruptive behavior and criminal enterprises in the City of Dover.

Whereas: Gang Organization in Dover and Kent County has increased over the last few years cultivating an environment of Psychic Imprisonment, Mistrust and Fear among all citizens of Dover.

Whereas: Gang Culture & Interest has played a significant role in Student Dropout Rates, Senseless Murders, Drug Activity, and Random Acts of Violence, often leaving innocent bystanders paralyzed and dramatized for life.

Whereas: Gang Graffiti promoting Hate, Fear and Danger has defaced Public and Private Sector Facilities, impeding upon Home and Business Owners Right's to market or enjoy their property absent of unwelcomed and unauthorized graffiti signs.

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Chairman's Report
Submitted by: Roy Sudler, Jr.

Be it Resolved: that the Constituents of Dover, Delaware, Mayor, City Council, Dover Police Department, and the Dover Human Relations Commission have seen enough of the Gang Growth and Development in our Communities and will merge resources and efforts to intensify the Pursuit of Eliminating Gang Formation and Unwelcomed Graffiti Signs in Dover, Delaware.

Be it Further Resolved: that we will accomplish this goal and establish a New Community Involvement Paradigm for Gang Prevention and Cessation by:

Recommendations:

1). Cleaning up our streets together, showing resistance to Gang Formation and Unwelcomed Graffiti Signs through Unity and Clear Purpose

2). Increasing Individual's Awareness and Accountable for Reporting known Gang Activity and or Formation in Your Community.

3). Strengthen Parent & Family Involvement

4). Implementing Additional Intervention & Summer Programs

5). Provide Additional Funding to the Police Department to orchestrate Mini – Police Stations in targeted areas of high volumes of Crime and Gang Activity

3. People in Dover respect others of different racial and ethnic groups..... ...	1	2	3	4	5
4. My social life in Dover revolves mostly around people of my race/ethnicity..	1	2	3	4	5
5. In Dover people expect me to behave in certain ways because of my race/ethnicity	1	2	3	4	5
6. I play down some parts of my racial/ethnic culture (e.g. language, dress) to be able to fit in, in Dover.....	1	2	3	4	5
7. My personal experiences with the Dover police have been fair.....	1	2	3	4	5
8. The Dover police are fair	1	2	3	4	5

to all residents.....					
9. The Dover courts are fair to all residents regardless of race/ethnicity	1	2	3	4	5
10. I would recommend Dover to family or friends as a good place to live.....	1	2	3	4	5
11. The *Dover Post*'s coverage is equally balanced and thorough regardless of the race or ethnicity of the people in the stories.....	1	2	3	4	5
12. The *Delaware State* News' coverage is equally balanced and thorough regardless of the race or ethnicity of the people in the stories.....	1	2	3	4	5
13. People living in	1	2	3	4	5

Dover are unfriendly toward others whose race/ethnicity is different from their own.....					
14. People of every racial/ethnic background are fairly represented in local government....	1	2	3	4	5
15. People of all racial/ethnic backgrounds are as likely to commit local crime..	1	2	3	4	5
16. There is conflict between races/ethnicities in Dover.....	1	2	3	4	5