

## **MINUTES OF BEREHA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**June 9, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Bereha Human Rights Commission was held on June 9, 2014 at Bereha City Hall.

Present were Commissioners Carla Gilbert, David Shroyer, Janice Blythe, Jon Rogers, Adriel Woodman, Gene Stinchcomb. Absent was Miriam Pride. Mayor Steve Connelly was in attendance as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Carla Gilbert.

Jon Rogers presented the minutes from the May 5 meeting. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Janice. The motion was approved unanimously with no amendments.

In the treasurer's report Gene had no updates to our budget or financials. Jon reported that he would obtain a price for name tags for the commissioners and report back.

Carla led a discussion on the John G. Fee award and the format of the plaque. Will we give this annually? If so Carla suggested that September would be a good month to give it annually. Estimated cost of the plaque is \$200 with small amounts to engrave it annually.

There was discussion with the Mayor over space for an Intern that we might employ. Possibly the Higgins Building? He mentioned a study that the city is conducting on the re-use of office space in town. Possibly the old sewer building?

Could a part-time position be combined to fill other needs of the city? At mayor's suggestion we need to involve Randy Stone. Is Miriam still available to supervise the Intern? This would be for summer of 2015.

Labor secondary position could be available for fall 2014 or spring 2015. Need to work with David Tipton at Bereha College. Deadline for position is late July/early August. Need to have a position description in place and HRC commissioner(s) to attend training. Janice to check deadlines with Bereha College.

Carla, David and Janice to work on position draft.

David raised the matter of next Berea Citizen column- it was suggested to be about discrimination. Jon agreed to work on an article about housing law and discrimination—300 to 500 words due on Monday noon, June 16.

Carla raised the issue of recent Citizen article regarding clergy participation in the ordinance draft meetings. Carla will draft a response.

There was discussion of the draft ordinance that has now come back to the HRC following mark-ups by city attorney. We reviewed the document in depth and suggested various edits. Mayor Connelly participated and took notes which he will present to the city attorney.

Items of note:

- Position of secretary/treasurer has been separated
- 7 reporting times to the City Council may be combined
- Special attention paid to housing in Sec. 6, 22.709, Pg. 5
- Review of 22.712 regarding public accommodations
- Mayor Connelly to add appeal language in accordance with KRS 13 B 140

There was discussion of the timing of when the draft would go to the council and what the procedure might look like. Carla asked what process we want to adopt to educate the public about the ordinance and that topic was discussed.

Next meeting date was set for July 7, 2014 at 6:30pm in usual location.

Gene made a motion to adjourn and Janice seconded. Meeting ended at approximately 8:45pm.