

Minutes of Berea Human Rights Commission

Meeting of February 3, 2014

HRC members present:

David Shroyer

Carla Gilbert

Jon Rogers

Janice Blythe

Guests included Lisa Vaughn, Diane Kerby from Berea City Council and 4 members of the public

David Shroyer is attending his first HRC meeting as a member following his appointment by Mayor Connelly in January. David gave his background as an educator and community activist.

Lisa Vaughn announced her resignation as a member of the Berea HRC.

Jon nominated Carla to be next Chair which was seconded by David. A unanimous vote followed to approve Carla who accepted.

David recommended Janice as Vice-Chair. Discussion followed and the decision was made to leave the positions of Vice-Chair and Treasurer open until we see who and when the Mayor appoints to fill the two open positions.

Jon presented the Dec. 2 meeting minutes. There were no revisions. Carla made a motion to approve which was seconded by David. A unanimous vote to approve them followed.

The October meeting minutes made by former member Richard Bellando were noted as needing a couple minor edits. Those will be made by Jon and put into the record.

There was a brief discussion of what vacancies the HRC had and where interest might exist. No conclusions were reached and no names were floated.

David Shroyer volunteered to speak to the Berea Rotary Club on March 4.

City Council member Diane Kerby updated the HRC on the work that the joint committee had been up to since being appointed by the full council in October. Diane discussed that the plan was for a draft of a Fairness Ordinance to be presented to the City Council by Feb. 15 meeting. There was a discussion of what was the vibe of the council with respect to the prospects for approval of the ordinance once it was complete. The HRC thanked Diane for her leadership on the working committee.

There is a budget approved for the HRC as part of the overall city budget in the amount of \$7500.

Lisa announced that the website was up and running. She will get with Jon to instruct him as to how to maintain it.

Carla to get the John G. Fee award completed to the awardee.

Jon reported that Dr. Alicestyne Turley of the Carter Woodson Center at Berea College will be attending the March meeting for a presentation of the work of the center.

There was discussion about where the left-over materials from the KY HRC might be. Carla believes they are with Randy Stone and she will attempt to find to give as resource materials for the new HRC members.

Status of our attempts to do something for World Aids day was discussed. It was noted that we were not able to secure a speaker. Janice will continue to work on presenter/speaker for a future event.

There was discussion about the "Rebel Run" event that occurs from time to time in southern Madison County. This destructive event hopefully will go away but the HRC wants to do some outreach to see where it stands. Jon to talk to Mayor Connelly and Police Chief David Gregory about their knowledge and information about this event. Carla will reach out to the community school.

HRC offered large thanks to Lisa for her service to the community and encouraged her to come back and visit.

Next meeting is March 5, 2014 at 6:30pm

Jon made motion to adjourn, Janice seconded and a unanimous vote approving the motion followed.