

BEREA, KY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2013

The Berea, KY Human Rights Commission met at 6:30pm for a regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at Berea City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Lisa Vaughn, Carla Gilbert, Richard Bellando and Jon Rogers. Also in attendance were Mayor Connelly and 3 visitors.

The commission reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting and lacking a quorum of meeting attendees the approval of the minutes was tabled until the January 6, 2014 meeting. It was also agreed that in the interest of full public disclosure the secretary would cease delivering draft e-mails of the meeting minutes to commissioners and would bring draft copies of the minutes to regular meetings for review and discussion.

Lisa reported that Commissioner Bryan Thomas had asked to not be re-appointed to his position and that Mayor Connelly and the remaining commissioners would be looking for interested parties to replace Commissioner Thomas.

Commissioner Janice Blythe arrived at 6:45pm.

There was discussion of the presentation of the Commission's recommendation to the City Council with respect to a Fairness Ordinance and how it was received. The consensus was that it was well received.

There was a review and discussion of the budget for the Commission and was money budgeted for enforcement in response to a council member's question. The answer is no.

Richard to follow up budget action with City Council. Council members to review this were Wagers, Kerby, Powell and Terrill.

Carla, Janice and Lisa to serve as Commission advisors to the City Council committee that is chaired by Diane Kerby to bring recommendations to the full Council.

Lisa reported that hrc@bereaky.gov is working.

HRC training by the KY HRC was conducted on Nov. 11 and the City Council meeting was Nov. 12.

Janice discussed research that she and Carla did regarding World Aids Day. Recommendation of a panel discussion inclusive of county, state health departments, health care facilities. Carla has experience in prior residence in Idaho on AIDS study and work.

Richard departed at 7:15.

Discussion of where and when to hold the panel discussion led to the likelihood that it will be held as soon as materials and speakers can be lined up with Janice as the moderator and Carla a panelist among others. Jon will obtain info on funding for housing for AIDS victims, HOPWA, through KY Housing.

Some discussion with the public visitors asked that the agenda be more open. There was thanks offered for the Commission making a recommendation for a fairness ordinance. Also can we update the website? What is the process? This will be discussed at next meeting. A question was asked if we could videotape the KY HRC training sessions.

There was some discussion of the remaining terms of the current commissioners.

A request for adjournment was requested by Lisa which was offered by Jon, it was seconded by Carla and unanimously agreed to. Adjournment came at 7:41 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6 at 6:30pm