

Berea Human Rights Commission
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2017, 6:30 PM
Conference Room, Broadway Center
204 N. Broadway Berea, KY 40403

Present: Gene Stinchcomb (Vice Chair), Ali Blair (Secretary), Eef Fontanez (Treasurer), Janice Blythe, Rev Carla Gilbert, Peter Hille. Absent: Mim Pride (Chair)

Guests: Kathleen Murphy

Summary of Actions Taken:

- Vice Chair calls meeting to order: 6:35 PM.
- Blair exits for 10 minutes to attend to a family matter.
- MOTION MOVED AND CARRIED to approve May Meeting Agenda.
- Blythe AMENDS the April Meeting Minutes to state “Gilbert offered thanks to all who have voiced concern.” MOTION TO AMEND MOVED AND CARRIED.
- MOVES to approve April Meeting Minutes: Introduction of Kathleen Murphy as the Hiring Committee’s recommendation for the Administrative Assistant Hire. Hille MOVES the BHRC hire Murphy. MOTION CARRIED.
- Fontanez SUBMITS Treasurer’s Report. Fontanez, Stinchcomb, Murphy DESIGNATED to contact City Clerk / Randy Stone about outstanding purchase orders.
- MOTION MOVED AND CARRIED to accept Treasurer’s Report.
- Gilbert REPORTS on “Get On The Bus” Tour. 55 signed up. Discussion about what history was uncovered during the research and awareness related to fair housing concerns and underlying community tensions. Mayor Connelly reported findings of a city ordinance that prohibited a black family from living in a majority white neighborhood and legalese about “Discrimination without intent.”
- Hille MOVES the BHRC explore if that ordinance has been repealed and make the recommendation for a formal repeal if necessary.
- Fontanez MOVES to submit an article to the Berea Citizen about the Get on the Bus Tour.
- Blythe / Gilbert DESIGNATED to gather all materials from the Tour for documentation and future use as educational programming by the BHRC and to submit letter to the Berea Citizen.
- Announcements: Stinchcomb REPORTS Bylaws have returned with minor revision from the City Attorney. Copies will be sent out to the Commission.

- Blythe MOVES to make an official response to Councilperson Jim Davis about discrepancy between establishing ordinance and current By-laws regarding commissioner residence requirements.
- Fontanez reminds the Commission to post a copy of the approved by-laws draft online and schedule a public comment period prior to adoption.
- Hille MOVES to AMEND to Bylaws to include **“The entirety of the establishing ordinance #09-2011 is encompassed by the reference as part of these bylaws and attached as an addendum. In any matter pertaining to the interpretation of these bylaws, the ordinance shall supercede the bylaws.”**
- Blythe REPORTS on Age Friendly Berea overview programming and will confirm a date for said event with Mayor Connelly. Hille RECOMMENDS choosing a meeting time that will not interfere with residents’ work schedules.
- Hille RECOMMENDS the BHRC explore financial support of educational programming to be presented at the Levitt AMP Berea Music Series events, stating the City of Berea is already a sponsor. Blair is DESIGNATED to explore potential programming and report back to the Commission.
- 8:18 PM Fontanez exits the meeting.
- Hille MOVES to offer a \$250 honorarium to Sharyn Mitchell and Jackie Burnside for the task of gathering the materials from the Get on the Bus Tour for future use: MOTION CARRIED.
- Blair RECOMMENDS utilizing the Get on the Bus documentation as subject matter for a documentary film as part of the BHRC FY 17-18 programming. Blair DESIGNATED to reach out to area filmmakers and report back to the Commission.
- Pride DESIGNATED to draft a resolution of appreciation to the Lexington Fair Housing.
- Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:25pm.

Ali Blair
Secretary

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Minutes Approved:

[Gene Stinchcomb, Vice Chair]