

Berea Human Rights Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 2, 2017, 6:30 PM  
Berea Police and Municipal Building Council Chambers  
304 Chestnut St. Berea, KY 40403

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

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: 3

Summary of Actions Taken:

- Chair calls meeting to order: 6:30 P.M.
- Gilbert welcomes guests.
- Gilbert introduces Eric Hogsten
  - Hogsten mentions he was a history major, part of the Berea Speech and Debate team, has keys already and started the week before.
- Gilbert introduces the committee to Hogsten.
- Hille MOVES to approve September Meeting Agenda: MOTION CARRIED.
- Announcements:
  - Mim is doing great. Looking forward to having her soon.
- Hille MOVES to approve September minutes: MOVED & CARRIED.
  - Change the names of Jacque & Virginia to have correct spelling. CARRIED with corrections.
- Treasurer's Report.
  - If everything is going as it should be. Stinchcomb asked what is going on with everything bought from the last year budget. Hillie, VOLUNTERED to get in contact with Susan, with Hogsten
  - Dinsmore questions how much the budget is. the only thing that comes out of the budget is the things on the report.
- Hogsten's office report
  - Sent emails to get the Broadway Conference Room for our November meeting.
  - Gilbert is meeting with Hogsten this week. We need to re-subscribed for the Berea Citizen and the Richmond Register. Gilbert just to file the newspaper for John G. Fee award.

- Stinchcomb to help Hogsten with meeting the city hall.
- Programming Update: Pride DESIGNATED to follow up regarding programming.
  - Training regarding accessibility (ADA)
    - Stinchcomb neglected to call the League of Cities, but will do so.
  - Age Friendly Communities Blythe
    - Blythe said we can work on the Age Friendly Communities after the accessibility area.
  - Get on the Bus/ Fair Housing Training
    - Blythe gave a handout, with the comment of we need a purpose. We would need to discuss this with the two community members we worked with. Want to get as close as the ideal script as possible. Towards the end of the meeting, could we add it to Housing? As part of the educational approach, something we should think about as a regard to workshops, RHC, other housing meeting concerns. More compressed model, how to educate the community with a video for Get on the Bus about housing with State HRC. Consideration of rights of those who rent property. Include that in a plan model.
    - Jackie Burnside and Sharyn Mitchell were selected as they were tour guides. Part of the housing authority for Lex and local.
      - Gilbert wants to get a copy of Burnside's book for BRHC library. Stinchcomb will donate his copy to the BRHC library.
      - We need some directions to have an end product. Money, meeting.
      - Gene - mention the map and have transcription of what would be mentioned on each spot. Could get someone from the College, or individual who could video and create a narrative of the stops. Could be useful for the community for why this group is coming together.
      - Have the mayor to help draw up contracts, see what people are willing to do it for. We would need a dollar amount instead of a RFQ. Contractor compilers for on the bus. Correction that needed to be made and conversation with the housing authority. Mayor mentioned the ordinance that is still on the books that states African America to be in the neighborhood that someone needed to

agree. That document is important for historical references, that would be part of the compilation. Request for qualification. We would want the accommodation of the information from the bus door.

- John G. Fee Award
  - We need a plaque, for the youth award. Gilbert is taking the award to Mae.
  - Hille, “In rec of Youth leadership in the support of human rights in Berea.” Peter, seems to cover all the bases of just adding youth leadership.
- Mim and Carla did not go to the HRC, express disappointment on not getting a notebook for Randy. Said that Juan Pena can’t travel, we offer to pay travel and time. Gene suggested us contacted the Richmond RC as they always need some also. Richmond has an open seat due to death of the chair. Will help everyone, as they planned meeting each other.
- Hille Report on Nov 6 meeting preparations:
  - Announcement of the extended time. Plan for 15 people suggested by Blythe. Food will be purchased out of the budget. Beverages as well. Maybe some kind of desert. Peter says the sheet is helpful as a start. Suggests we can spend more/ or less times on spots. We can take one idea and take it up every monthly meeting.
  - If we were clear on the mission/vision. If we can attain actual data, or knowledge, for internal and external conflicts. Peter suggests spending the most time of SWOT. If we follow the process we will spend less time on the projects, she likes the process for the first 3. Any of projects will fit through. Effective use of time with these planning steps. There is no end to the education that is needed, but narrow down to what is reasonable (Carla). Structure will help create responsible and perception. SWOT, sometimes competitors will cross over interests. Peter says he will take the charge from this part. Carla suggests Hogsten can do some of the work.
  - Carla asks if there is anything we need to bring. Peter, says it would be helpful if you can add any knowledge of the history of the Berea Human Right’s commission. Peter says we are not going to write the history of the commission. We can talk about who was on the commission on what time, significant parts.
  - Hillie asks how can we increase the compacity. Where else is there compacity. That is where we can have our SWOT. Gene would like to thank Randy for the draft of the ordinance.

- National Disability Awareness month. Can a knowledgeable person can put together an article for the paper. Dinsmore VOLUNTERED that he can do it. Stinchcomb Moves, Gilbert Secods. MOTION CARRIED. This will be a letter to the editor.

Public Comment

Jacque. The Youth leadership award was a good futuristic approach. It is an incentive to get involved.

7:38pm MOTION MOVED and CARRIED to ADJOURN.

Eric Hogsten  
Administrative Assistant  
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Minutes Approved:

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[Mim Pride, Chair]