Berea Human Rights Commission

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2018, 6:30 PM

BEREA POLICE & MUNICIPAL BLDG.  
304 CHESTNUT ST, BEREA, KY 40403.

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

Absent: None

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: Juan Pena

Summary of Actions Taken:

* Chair calls meeting to order: At 6:43
* Approved the agenda. Kim Kobersmith Presentation and Ed LaFontaine letter in the Citizen under new business. MOVED Gilbert, SECOND Hille Approved.
* Announcements.
  + Will not be a good option to stay in the Police and Community Building after 5. Chair recommends that we ask for space in the Community Room in the City Hall. The meeting can be broadcast from that room. MOVED Hille, SECOND Blythe
  + Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair House Act. The meeting will be on the 17th. No one can attend.
  + NAMI. Their next meeting is in the boardroom at Saint Joseph Berea.
  + Stinchcomb will be out between May-November. Hille moved, Dinsmore Second. Gilbert will be the acting vice chair.
* Minutes approved. Approved with amendment that Stinchcomb was present.
* March Treasurer’s Report – Hille MOVED. Stinchcomb SECOND. Approved.
  + Hogsten has revised the report document for easier viewing.

Old Business

Strategic planning

* Office Report:
  + Hogsten mentioned a non-formal complaint filed. Hogsten will follow up.
* Get on the Bus update:
  + Moving along.
* Internship.
  + Blythe reported: History is not available, nor is Peace and Social Justice. We have a faculty sponsor, and only need one. She will help design the proposal. Fontanez is willing to talk with faculty about the Latino Pursuit. 8 Week long internship. Proposal is submitted to campus.
* ADA Training
  + Identified. Person at EKU who might assist with the training. There might not enough people to do a training, as long as not expensive we can still do it. Suggest put this is a council work session.
* Report on status of language change.
  + Discussed, Pena Juan agreed that ordinance is enforceable by KHRC. The first reading is tomorrow. Enforceability, should not be a problem. The second reading and voting will be on the 17th.
* Follow up on historic
  + Nothing of note. We need additional help to move this forward.
* Continue with strategic planning
  + Agenda indicates that we are following up on three top goals (history promoting awareness, and accessibility.)

**New Business**

* Summer Camp
  + Last year was their first year. Had 49 kids, the point of the camp is non-violent conflict resolution. Parents report that some some kids are still practicing skills learned. Classes in the morning and then community building experiences in the afternoon. Will be one week again last year. 2nd to 8th graders. Held in the Friend’s Meeting House. July 16th to the 20th. Staff: teachers, plus a counselor and assistant counselor for each group. comprises 60% of the budget. Half of the students received scholarship last year. Stinchcomb MOTION. SECOND Hille to donate $500 for supporting the program. APPROVED
* Berea Citizen’s Letter to the Editor
  + Following discussion, it was decided that a response will be drafted by Pride.
* AMP Booth
  + Cost is $75. Blythe MOVED to approve. Hille SECOND. APPROVED.
* Human Rights Campaign
  + This is the first time we got advance notice of this. Could we reach out to the Fairness group about this matter. The score is entirely based on public documents that are available. We could compare the growth the two years. Our job is education, maybe we could make a public report about it. Research scores of near by areas, and then include that with the economic growth profile. See if other cities have MEI reports. Create a good list of what information is needed. Talk to Berea College HR, major companies’ HR.

Public Comment

None.

8:20 P.M. MOTION MOVED and CARRIED to ADJOURN.

Eric Hogsten

Administrative Assistant

Minutes Recorded: April 2, 2018

Minutes Approved:

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