Berea Human Rights Commission

Special Meeting

September 4, 2018, 5:00 PM

CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM  
212 CHESTNUT ST, BEREA, KY 40403.

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

Absent: Eef Fontanez (Treasurer)

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: Jackie Bowling and Ed LaFontaine.

Summary of Actions Taken:

* Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the Chair.
* The agenda was presented and approved with one typo correction.
* Announcements.
  + The Ethics Complaint previously filed is still on-going and is currently in the hands of the city attorney. Once it becomes a formal complaint as defined by the process, then, it will become a part of the public documentation. Chair Mim Pride will continue to communicate with city officials on the progress of this matter.

**New Business**

* Plan for Friday Night Levitt AMP Presentation
  + BHRC is one of the sponsoring entities for the Levitt AMP program. This program brings together the community and creates a place for awareness, education and learning, as well as an educational outlet for the BHRC to offer its visibility and public education. The commissioners offered a variety of comments, including some people have issues that does not connect with our purview, but we are able to provide some educational background to them as we know the information. Other commissioners noted that others in the community have enjoyed the literature and they can learn some things. The commissioners continue to recognize our need to educate ourselves and share with our community. It was commented that some individuals who have come to job interviews at Berea College have felt comfortable attending the Friday Night Levitt events in order to learn more about our community.
  + The Commission agreed to make a brief presentation at the event on Friday evening (September 7), which should be about 10 minutes long. In addition to a verbal presentation it would also be a good idea to have a handout of accomplishments and projects of the BHRC available at our booth that evening. Eric Hogsten will make a handout that covers key accomplishments and activities and place on the table in the booth.
* Set Calendar and Agenda for Next Monday (September 17, 2018)
  + The Quarterly Report presented to the City Council will be given by Chair Pride in the September Report (September 18). This report and presentation will include the Fee Awards, other presentations for the “Get on the Bus Tour”, comments regarding the research which has been conducted regarding the 50th Anniversary of the 1968 racial event that led to the establishment of an earlier human rights commission, prior to the one established by the city in 2011, along with other information. More history needs to be gathered about this beginning human rights commission. The annual report of this current BHRC will be given in 2019 by the Chair of the commission. Other work of the BHRC’s future progress reports may also be sent to the *Berea Citizen and Richmond Register.*
  + It was announced that the BHRC signed up for the Berea Business Fest to be held at Berea College on September 13th between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Chair Pride and Eric Hogsten, the Administrative Assistant, will be at the BHRC booth for this event.
  + Discussion occurred regarding the next phase of public education about disabilities. Commissioners Randy Dinsmore and Janice Blythe will coordinate these plans. Commissioner Dinsmore indicated that October is awareness month for employment with disabilities; it was agreed by the commissioners that this next event will focus on employment and disabilities. The dates either October 29 or 30th will be tentative dates for the next early evening discussion. Eric Hogsten will check on the availability of the room in the basement of City Hall and report back to the commissioners. It was suggested that the main emphasis be on local employers and disability needs. Commissioners Dinsmore and Blythe will give an update at the October 1st meeting.
  + Housing Training is approaching and Chair Pride will talk to KHRC’s Juan Pena about setting up the next training session for Berea.

Public Comments

No questions or comments were offered by those guests attending this special meeting.

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[Eric Hogsten, AA]

Administrative Assistant

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[Mim Pride, Chair]

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