

Berea Human Rights Commission  
Minutes  
December 3, 2018  
City Hall Conference Room  
212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403

**Present:** Commissioners Mim Pride (Chair), Peter Hille, Randy Dinsmore, Rev. Carla Gilbert, Gene Stinchcomb, and Eef Fontanez (Treasurer).

**Absent:** Commissioner Janice Blythe (Secretary)

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guest: Colby Lilly

Agenda was approved as circulated.

**Announcements**

- The new Chair of the Owensboro Human Rights Commission has reached out to other Commissions suggesting a willingness to meet and to work jointly to accomplish our goals.
- Minutes for the November meeting was tabled for editing.
- Treasurer's report was incomplete due to the fact that HRC meeting was scheduled close to the closing of the month. On-going problems getting reports in time for the meeting were discussed. Fontanez and Pride will meet with Meeks as soon as possible to discuss timing of report and scheduling BHRC action. We may need to delay action one month. Members also discussed the creation of report format that would make clearer the status of the Commission budget. Pride agreed to work with Hogsten on this.

**Motions**

Approve funding for the leadership training previously approved and to request a contract from the Mayor and his support in processing this delayed request. Hogsten has provided the additional information requested by Meeks.

**New Business**

The Owensboro Human Rights Commission has contacted us and other HRCs to offer to meet and work together. Commissioners expressed a desire to respond positively and to consider hosting Human Rights Commissions in Berea to discuss our joint agenda. This might be scheduled to coincide with a Levitt-Amp Concert. Members present requested that we get a list of all HRCs in KY and obtain contact information.

Commissioners Hille and Dinsmore have been re-appointed. Commissioner Gilbert has decided not to accept another re-appointment. Commissioners are looking for candidates to fill the position. Pride advised that Shirley Carlburg requested that her name be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration.

Stinchcomb reported that KY is #5 in the increase of reported hate crimes for 2017. There were 5 fewer agencies reporting.

**Old Business**

Office Report—by Administrative Assistant Hogsten

Meeks and Chasteen have advised that the requirements for requests for payment have been expanded. The motion must now include specific information about the recipient, the purpose, a W-9 completed.

A brief discussion of follow-up plans for a meeting with Dr. Alicestyne Turley at the Carter G. Woodson Center. We were unable to schedule a meeting with Dr. Turley due to tight schedules. We will work to schedule in January.

Ms. Whaley, presenter for the Community Forum for Employment of Disabled Citizens, has not responded to requests for a copy of her presentation. Randy Dinsmore will follow up.

Peter Hille will follow up with Wazee regarding the cost of the news video reports on the 1968 shootings that occurred in Berea..

### **Future Activities**

- HRC members who are available will participate as a group in the Berea MLK celebration. We should consider carrying our banner in the march. The date is January 21. Finalization of plans for this event will occur in the January BHRC meeting.
- Chair Pride announced that she plans to attend Richmond Unity Breakfast also January 21, 2019. Contact (859) 623-1000 for information. Finalize plans at January BHRC meeting.
- Plan meeting of HRC officials across the state to coincide with the Levitt-Amp summer concert
- Determine KY HRC agenda for 2019
- Meet with Mayor and City Council members to discuss our agenda, policies and procedures and membership
- Make hate crimes statistics available on our website and create link to Face Book
- Participate in efforts to address voting rights issues working with KFTC and KY Council of Churches. One third of all men in KY have lost their voting rights. Only Iowa continues to have the restrictive laws that KY has
- Follow up on sharing information about the history of human rights in Berea
- Continue efforts to promote the rights of the disabled

Commissioner Rev. Carla Gilbert expressed her farewell to the commission and indicated her appreciation for being able to serve 2+ term appointments with them. Chair Pride and all commissioners reciprocated her expressions and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to work with her and for her leadership as Chair of the Berea Human Rights Commission..

Public comments: none

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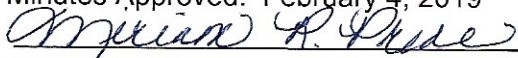


[Eric Hogsten, AA]

Administrative Assistant

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mim Pride', is written over a horizontal line.

[Mim Pride, Chair]

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