Berea Human Rights Commission

Regular Meeting

February 04, 2019, 6:30 PM

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

Present: Mim Pride (Chair), Eef Fontanez (Treasurer), Peter Hille, Randy Dinsmore, Janice Blythe (Secretary), and Pastor Allen Livingood.

Absent: Gene Stinchcomb (Vice Chair).

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guests: Jackie Bowling, Charlie Wilton, Rev. Carla Gilbert. City Councilmen John Payne (7:22.) Next guest (7:36)

Summary of Actions Taken:

* Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Chair.
* Greetings. Pastor Allen Livingood is the new member to the Berea Human Rights Commission. Juan Pena from KHRC since 2002.
* The agenda was presented and approved as distributed. Chair would like to add an item to new business. Discrimination against the elderly in terms of scamming and likewise activity. Approval of November Meetings. Hille MOTION Dinsmore SECOND
* Announcements.
  + Office closed Friday February 8th and March 1st. Hille, “AK State Supreme Court struck down the fairness ordinance, in wake of KY State Supreme Court struck down”
* Minutes from the December and January Meetings
  + November- Remove Recorder added professor Andrew Baskin. As well as approval date. Janice MOTION Livingood SECOND
  + December- Colby Willby added to guest name. Spelling for stats, Wazee instead of Wazoo. Commissioner Rev. Carla Gilbert said her fair wells on the meeting. Hille MOTION Fontanez SECOND.
  + January- Wazee instead of Wazoo on page 5. Attach copy of the invoice. Correction on last page to be 50 years instead of 150 years. Hille MOTION Livingood SECOND.
* Juan Pena
  + The biggest news at KHRC, we have a new body of 11 members. Just had second meeting last month. All the former commissioners’ terms expired, Governor Bevin decided to have all new members. We do what we can with the funds that we have. The commission is looking at having a regional local training commission. Training is for best practices and best way to promote human rights. Doing what we can and continue to do training and workshops. Lexington Fair Housing will be attending April 11th as well. Local Human Rights Commission help out a lot as KHRC cannot be everywhere. The last time BHRC hosted this, the library was not large enough, used Council Chambers. Talk to Cheryl about Council Chambers.

**New Business**

* + Martin Luther King Report
    - BHRC split up during the day. Peter and Chair went to the Berea March. “It is always an important and inspiring day. Its frequency the coldest day of the year. It is really good to see those events well attend. A lot of representation from City Government.
    - Dinsmore spoke about the Unity Breakfast he went to. The event was very well attended. The mayor spoke, councilmembers introduced themselves. Wonderful speaker about love and unity.
  + Annual Report
    - Commissioners thought on major parts things for the annual report. Jan. We may not be able to do this, but some group that we have sponsorship come to speak. Let those induvial speak for themselves during the 10 minutes. Could have Kim Koberson as a speaker from the leadership experience, that focus on nonviolent conflict resolution. Someone who attended the forum on hiring the disabled with suggested speaker being Ms. Whaley. Good to reiterate the strategic plan. Once Chair gets the date, she will contact Randy, it should be the 3rd Tuesday or first of March.
  + Elderly Scam
    - Concerns about growing numbers of elderly scammed. --- from People’s Bank working with Walmart Fields, Sheriffs and others to educate community; education scheduled in April. Livingood attended and will be contact. To support effort to educate community about elderly abuse. Hille MOTION Blythe SECOND
* Old Business

Office Report:

* + Hogsten will be out February 8th and March 1st. Website update sent out. Richmond Human Rights Commission reached out about information for Administrative Assistant position and responsibilities. RHRC wants to use our position as a model for their own. I gave them information according to what they asked.
* Whaley follow up and possible disability access training.
  + She is willing to come back and doing another training. Randy is looking at possibly May, with a joint effort with Berea Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to get people with disabilities, employers, and Chambers with Katie Whaley. It is a hard task to do, but it is worth doing so. Carla mentions that it is timely with
* Follow up on conversation with Wazee.
  + CBS news is the contact. This is tabled, but confirmed we will look into options. This topic needs to come up in May.
* Follow up on scheduling conversation with Dr. Turley – April 28th at 12:30.
  + Will report in next meeting.
* Possibility of hosting statewide HRC meeting.
  + Lexington is thinking of something similar, but is looking at having a partner. We were approached by Owensboro about a similar idea, KHRC will do something similar in April. BHRC was looking hosting the event in June/July. Maybe BHRC could reach out and see what other local HRCs are doing. Juan Pena be in touch with others and communicate with us.

Public Comment

Charles. Minutes need to be posted. Need a better system incase the secretary is able to be there. Janice expressed that she might resigned from Secretary due to personal issues.

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Prepared By:

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[Eric Hogsten, AA]

Administrative Assistant

Minutes Recorded: February 04, 2019

Minutes Approved:

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[Mim Pride, Chair]

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