

Berea Human Rights Commission  
Regular Meeting  
May 06, 2019, 6:30 PM  
CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM  
212 CHESTNUT ST, BEREA, KY 40403.

Present: Mim Pride (Chair), Peter Hille, Eef Fontanez (Treasurer), Randy Dinsmore, Gene Stinchcomb (Vice Chair) and Rachel Burnside

Absent: Pastor Allen Livingood.

Eric Hogsten (Administrative Assistant)

Guest: Ali Blair

Public: Jacque Bowling and Paul Jacobs

**Summary of Actions Taken:**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by the Chair.
- Announcements.
  - The Community Forum on Hiring the Disabled will be held on May 9 at 6PM.
  - Pride reported conversation with Cheryl Chasteen regarding the retention of records. All official documents must be retained indefinitely. Chasteen provided the documents that she uses to guide her retention of records. Copies available in the office. The tape of the Community Forum on the Fairness Ordinance was destroyed because it was not an official record.
- The agenda was presented and approved as distributed. Hille MOTION Dinsmore SECOND. Motion CARRIED.
- Minutes from the April Meeting
  - Minutes approval with edits. Stinchcomb MOTION, Dinsmore SECOND. Motion CARRIED.
- Treasure's report for March
  - Approved. MOTION: Hille; SECOND Stinchcomb. It was noted that charges for advertising for the Forum and printer ink have not been processed.

**New Business**

- Request for support of the Levitt AMP Concert Series.
  - Approved: Motion to approve \$1,500. MOTION: Stinchcomb; SECOND: Hille
  - Discussion: Concerts will take place in Old Town on Fridays between July 19 and October 4 at 6-9PM. August 16 will fall during the Celtic Festival and September 20

fall during the Spoonbread Festival. There will not be Levitt AMP concerts on those dates. Change in dates is designed to involve more Berea College Students, faculty, and staff. Artists have been approved and will be announced soon. The productions will be diverse including Latin and Japanese themed presentations and the popular, Singing Bird Music School, there will also be an attempt to gain support from the Japanese-based factories. The \$1,500 sponsorship includes a table at each event and a chance to present an educational program. Tabling for all events for not-for-profit will be \$250.

- o Budget Request – Fontanez and Stinchcomb.
  - o Stinchcomb and Fontanez did not have time to prepare a budget request, but, as in the past, an amount of \$12,000 has been included by Randy Stone. Part Time salary is also included in the payroll budget. Discussion of possible projects including Berea Leadership Experience, Employment Fair for Seniors and the Disabled, a gathering of Human Rights Commissions, follow up with Dr. Turley on educational programs, and with those working on financial protections for the elderly.
- o URLTA/AppalReD
  - o Pride will work on an educational program for Commissioners so that we can develop a strategy for education the public.
- o Human Rights Commission Roundtable
  - o No one present to represent Berea Leadership Experience, but reports and thank you notes were provided. Pride will follow up.
- o John G. Fee Award – Hogsten
  - o John G. Fee documents were approved at the last meeting. Hogsten will advertise. Burnside and Fontanez will serve as the committee to review the nominations and will present them to the Commission at the August meeting. Commissioners agreed that posthumous nominations will be accepted.
- o Improving use of social media
  - o Burnside and Hogsten will arrange to meet.
- o **Old Business**

Office Report:

- o Two complaints were filed, both involved discrimination on basis of race. First was about a firing from a local Berea business. This was sent to KHRC, and KHRC has

contacted the complainant. KHRC is in the process of filing charges against the business. Second complaint was based in Richmond. This was outside our jurisdiction and was sent over to them. Lastly a call came in about a concern in a Lee County jail and was forwarded to KHRC as was outside of jurisdiction.

- o KHRC is seeking nominations for the 2019 Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Hogsten suggested nominating Dr. Janice Blythe. Approved. Motion: Hille; SECOND Stinchcomb. Hogsten will follow up.
- o Hosting a Statewide Human Rights Commission Meeting
  - o Peter will follow up on this after this month. Dates in September and October were suggested with the possibility of connecting with Levitt AMP. Juan Pena is supportive of this proposal as long as occurs sometime after the Round Table.
- o Report on Senior Financial Protection
  - o Those who attended reported that this was an excellent presentation on a serious and growing problem. There are numerous opportunities for BHRC to follow up and support future educational programs, support groups, and outreach. There are plans for future presentations in neighboring communities. Note: In Kentucky, all citizens are required to report senior abuse.
- o Filming Meetings
  - o Piloted, started to record meetings.
- o Purchase Film Clips
  - o Discussed in relation to current budget and requests. One time cost is 2,700. Tabled to June Meeting.
- o Burnside and Hogsten will meet to work on PowerPoint for SGA

### **Public Comment**

None

7:44 P.M. MOTION MOVED and CARRIED to ADJOURN.

Prepared By:

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[Eric Hogsten, AA]  
Administrative Assistant

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[Mim Pride, Chair]

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