

City of Berea
Berea Human Rights Commission Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2015

Present: Rev. Carla Gilbert (presiding), Janice Blythe, Mim Pride (recorder), David Shroyer, Gene Stinchcomb.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Gilbert.

There were no guests.

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved. The Treasurer's report was received.

Old Business:

We were reminded of the importance of the BHRC focusing on housing, public accommodation and employment.

Commission Membership: The Mayor indicated that he did not have candidates for the two vacant position on the BHRC, but that he continues to seek candidates. He will reappoint David Shroyer

Web Update: We continued discussion of the possibility of hiring a part-time secretary. Members were assured that there is budget for the position and the work on the web that has been discussed with Lisa Vaughn. The minutes from past BHRC meetings are being held at FAHE. Gilbert will pick them up and deliver to Lisa to be loaded on the web.

Housing issues in Berea: Pride reported that there are no City ordinances providing guidance for the landlord/tenant relationship except for the building code that provides minimum acceptable standards for habitable structures. Discussion followed. Gilbert will follow up to determine what is available from UK. Berea Human Rights Commission should look at Kentucky Human Rights Commission actions on housing. They have been considering cases that may be relevant. Lisa Vaughn may have information on accessibility. Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and LARK may also be able to provide information.

Fair Housing Month is April.

- Juan Pena will provide a press release for the Citizen.
- The Mayor will make a proclamation April 7 at the City Council meeting at 6:30 PM.
- BHRC and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights are co-sponsoring a Fair Housing Workshop April 29. A draft flyer was reviewed. Pena will contact realtors and landlords. Blythe will send to Berea faculty. Flyers will be placed on the web and provided to members of the Berea City Council.

Age-related Issues Shroyer reported on the meeting of those interested in the Age-friendly Berea initiative. They are moving toward a city-wide survey. David will continue to represent us and to report on their activities.

Future Conversations/Event Blythe will follow up with Dr. Turley at Berea College regarding the status of the conversation on race. BHRC promised money to the Latino student organization. Blythe will follow up, but it is unlikely that any event will take place this spring.

New Business May 4, 2015

Adjournment