

City of Berea
Human Rights Commission Minutes
City Hall Community Room
8/3/15

Present: Gilbert, Chair, Shroyer, Blair, Fontanez, Blythe
Guests: Tiffany Cox, Brett Hetzell, Lisa Shroyer

Old Minutes approval: Shroyer approves. Fontanez seconds.

Ali will email minutes to lisa@lisavaughn.net upon approval. Archive the Citizen article. Resend the gmail pw info to the Commission.

Treasurer's report. Gene absent. Nothing new to report.

New member orientation. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Labor Day. Sept 14th?

Verbal harassment - Juan has resources. Maybe next Citizen article is about "free speech vs fighting words"

Age Friendly Berea: Sharing of preliminary stats from Age-Friendly Questionnaire. 250 or so returned presently. Will continue to collect til September. Cross section of socio-economic status. Housing ADA compliance issues, livability issues in Berea - youth. People are concerned about the quality of maintenance in rental housing. 8 livability domains. Focus groups is the next step following questionnaire.

*Universal Landlord Tenant Agreement / ADA Compliance (educates the BHRC about potential issues)

Mtg with Randy Stone: Gilbert and Shroyer met. Gilbert gave a list of office needs to Stone. Aug 15th. The goal of having the office up and running Sept 1.

Reflections on the community forum: Blythe - meeting did not stay on point; felt preached at; encouraged by the numbers in attendance; designated police presence not there, disappointing. Moving forward - outline rules of engagement; remove opportunities for baiting in a community forum - not good leadership. Maintain safe inclusive respectful space.

SURJ - follow up??

Gilbert - sites specific concerns about police matters and lack of police presence at meeting.

Craft a statement the events that led to the meeting as a description of why the meeting was called. BHRC - address a recent racial concerns. identifying resources. Check on policy for sharing info.

Draft statement. Ali contact Stone for info about website/vimeo and city policy.

Planning meeting in 2 weeks to consider next steps for the BHRC. August 17th @ 6:30pm. What are human rights? Why do we need a HRC? Gilbert will check on space - send potential invites. Blythe said not to forget invite the group to do a community survey by Turley. Sept good for that. List of African-American law enforcement persons who might be willing to work with the BHRC. Blythe will give a list of names - concern on campus was the lack of presence of POC - advisory group retired law enforcement who live in this area - campus demilitarization of police meeting from earlier in the year. Dr. Kennaria Brown - communications with the BereaPD. Concern for the college students.

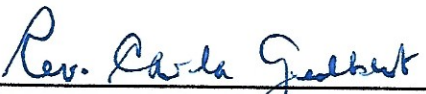
Ali - Send link to CPC meeting video to the Commission.

International Day of Peace: BHRC endorsement and presence, music, etc. Berea observing on the 20th. 12-4pm. Triangle? Union Church grounds? Shroyer suggests table and leaflet? Blythe - moves to provide a small financial contribution of \$150? To support the local International Day of Peace on Sunday Sept 20 to promote community relations. Fontanez seconds. Lisa Shroyer will deliver the message to the group.

Report - from Gene. Nothing new to report.

Blythe - letter to local managers - and corporate offices of Walgreens and Walmart. Will compose.

Minutes Prepared: Ali Blair, Secretary



[Chair, Rev. Carla Gilbert]