

City of Berea
Berea Human Rights Commission Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2015

Present: Rev. Carla Gilbert (presiding), Ali Blair, Janice Blythe, Mim Pride (recorder), David Shroyer, Gene Stinchcomb.
Guest: Mark Gailey

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Gilbert.

The new members of the BHRC are Eef Fontanez (filling Woodman's term) and Ali Blair (filling Rogers' term). Members present introduced themselves and shared the interests that draw them to become members of the BHRC.

The minutes of 2015 April 6 were reviewed and corrected.

Treasurers Report: Stinchcomb presented an accounting of expenditures. Since the report was prepared an additional \$12.50 has been encumbered. The balance is \$11,763.41. BHRC has only expended 1% of the budget. The resources are available to hire a part time employee

Old Business:

Blythe talked with Turley who is interested in exploring the possibility of conducting a survey. Turley has the necessary expertise to plan and conduct the survey and she has access to key data bases. Possible partners were identified including the University of Kentucky. The question was raised about the possibility of City funding for the survey. Gilbert will follow up with UK

The Race Matters Conversations have been re-scheduled. Dates and details to be determined.

Blythe was unable to get any update from LASA (Latin American Student Association) before the end of the school year. The event may be rescheduled for Fall 20015.

Web Update: Gilbert talked with Lisa who has prepared a proposal for bringing the web site up today and for future quarterly maintenance. The bill for the update is \$120.00 and quarterly maintenance will cost \$120.00. Motion: Stinchcomb Second: Schroyer to approve these expenditures and pay the current bill.

Approved unanimously. Stinchcomb will show the quarterly payments as encumbrances.

Fair Housing Month

There was a capacity crowd for the Fair Housing Workshop. Pena will send a list of those attending. There is a possibility of future workshops on employment and/or public accommodation. Members appreciate working with Pena and hope that cooperation will continue.

Pena has indicated the hope that BHRC will work to educate community leaders about the importance of adopting the Uniform Fair Housing Law.

Age-related Issues Stinchcomb has been researching census data on age demographics. He will continue that work. It was suggested that Commission members meet with Turley to follow up on the possibility of the survey per above. It was also suggested that we review the Uniform Housing model at the next meeting and prepare a presentation for the City Council.

The Age-friendly Berea survey is moving forward. It should provide data about the way in which age-related issues are handled and about the perception of needs. AARP has provided a model survey and Age-friendly Berea is modifying that survey to localize it. David will circulate a copy of the latest draft. The editor believes that 200 responses would be adequate. The goal is to have the survey completed and a report ready in four months.

Bob Schafer continues to work on elder housing in cooperation with the Age-friendly Berea activity. They have found a group that is interested in working in Berea. The next meeting of this group is 5:30 Monday, May 11 at the City Hall Annex.

Office space Stinchcomb will secure a key to the office space. Furniture and equipment can be provided by the City.

New Business

BHRC to follow up with KY HRC to schedule additional workshops on Employment and Public Housing.

Next meeting: June 1, 2015 is the next meeting

Adjournment