

City of Berea
Human Rights Commission Minutes
City Hall Community Room
10/5/2015

Present: Gilbert, Shroyer, Pride, Fontanez, Blair. Guests: Charlie Wilton

Old Business:

- Minutes: Mim motions to accept minutes. Eef seconds.

Office Needs:

- Gilbert will follow up with Randy Stone next week.
- Blair will give R. Stone office needs list.

Peace Day:

- Nice event. Not much to engage with at the table. Good conversation.
- Woodford County HRC Brochure is a good resource - voted to share with the BHRC. Shroyer will follow up.
- How do we make our table more interesting, engaging, interactive?

Pride mentions Ruthie Maslin and Library project: Poet Laureate of the State is creating a way to introduce and tell our stories Expressions. Presented in the Spring at the Annual Meeting. Potential for involvement. Pride will follow up with Library.

Wilton is given the floor. He expresses frustration about accessibility; it's hard to locate meeting minutes, images on Facebook do not cut it. Curious why there aren't facebook events for all meetings. Wants to know if his complaints and frustrations are being recorded in the minutes. Gilbert states that the Admin Asst hire should help with our processes. Blair adds that efforts have been made by the BHRC to have BHRC website page updated to include all minutes and correct contact info and to add meeting video to the City vimeo channel but the City has not responded.

Pride: Impediment to our capacity to communicate with the public. Make sure Randy Stone understands that this undermines our ability to serve our community.

URLTA:

- Habitat / KFTC potential partners in the City push.
- KCHR recommends push for the Statewide adoption.
- Next step: Copy of act to Mayor. Gilbert will contact.
- Ali scan and circulate the URLTA
- David will contact Richard Ballando - Blair invite KFTC & Habitat to 11/2/15 meeting.
- Blair - All call for community members with housing concerns.

Richmond HRC Breakfast, Oct 17, 9-11am, LDS Church, 2015 Keeneland Dr. Carpool with Gilbert.

Hispanic Refugee Summit Shelbyville (See flyer.) Gilbert suggests publishing something in the paper. Blair - reach out about a letter to publish in the Citizen about Hispanic Heritage Month.

Wilton: Hopes we talk about Spoonbread Festival and Berea Chamber of Commerce. Gilbert states this is an item for our executive session. Reminds the commission that Versailles voted to pursue a Fairness Ordinance.

Visitors leave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Reach out to Chief Gregory to come to the next meeting.

Review Wilkins complaint.

- Shroyer states the complainant - respondent process. There are 20 days after contact in which to respond. Step 2. Formal administrative meeting.
- Pride: States that the BHRC as a body is concerned about the BCOC Spoonbread Festival policies. Suggests our approach on the topic be temperate but thorough. The community has raised important concerns and we question whether these things reflect Berea in a positive light.
- Communicate with Wilkins about his complaint. Does not appear to meet our narrowly defined charge. Fontanez will draft response letter.

BHRC will draft a letter of concern to the BCOC. Send to The Berea Citizen as well. *Pride will draft??*

It is the recommendation of the screening committee is to make official recommendation to the Mayor to hire Michael Harrington. Unanimous vote to accept recommendation. Shroyer's email forwarded to the Mayor by Gilbert.

Back into open meeting. No visitors present. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Prepared: Ali Blair, Secretary



[Chair, Rev. Carla Gilbert]