Berea Human Rights Commission

Special Called Meeting / Business Session

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

5:00 PM

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**Roll Call**

**Present**: Sharyn Mitchell, Gene Stinchcomb (Chair), Peter Hille (Secretary), Janelle Lakes Davenport; Virginia Bland, Randy Dinsmore, Robert Johnson

**Absent**: None

**Guests**: Eli Taylor, technical support

**Call to Order at 5:04** Chair affirms quorum

**Announcements**

Public meeting violation complaint: Chair notes commissioners received document and City Attorney’s response. City Attorney says meeting was official and stands. No response from State Attorney General’s Office at this time.

Also a request for information regarding email sent October 26 regarding this (November) meeting, complied with by Chair.

Johnson states he did not get notification of the meeting until afterward. Chair affirms emails were sent.

Secretary requested verification all received Outlook calendar invitation. All present indicated they did except Johnson who did not remember whether or not he did.

**Treasurer's Report**

No report. No expenditures since the last meeting. Only expenditure currently anticipated is name tags.

**Old Business**

Election of BHRC Vice Chairperson Reviewed Sharyn elected vice chair in October.

2020 John G. Fee Awards – Bland recommends holding off until next year, since did not have meeting at beginning of October could not get approval for advertising

Motion to hold off until next August or September and have a combined 20/21 award next year for Fee and Blythe Awards. Motion Bland; Second Johnson.

Discussion:

Johnson indicates he was told he was no longer on the committee. Chair notes there are four on the committee, Bland, Johnson, Mitchell, and Dinsmore.

Clarification noted that motion to delay the award includes both Fee and Blythe awards.

Chair notes that a committee of four which would constitute a quorum of the Commission but cannot act as the Commission, only able to act within the purview of the committee.

In the event of a tie vote in the committee brings decisions back to Commission.

Question called, passed unanimously.

Status of conduct of meetings procedures:

Chair prepared a draft based on last meeting’s discussion, has not yet run it by the Mayor and City Attorney. Secretary affirmed there was discussion at the last meeting but not a vote.

Chair will add process for public comment, present to the Mayor.

Hille notes discussion was captured in the October meeting minutes, but approval of October minutes not on agenda for this meeting.

Discussion of changing meeting dates and times:

Scheduled special meetings for November 18 and December 16 at the October meeting.

Chair noted officer elections take place in January and we can address a change of regular meeting times then. Brief discussion ensued of officer and Commissioner terms. Noting that third Wednesdays at 5:00 seems to work, Hille moves times for special meetings be set for

January 20 February 17. Johnson second. Passed unanimously. Chair will seek approval of the Mayor for these dates.

Discussion of name badges and BHRC roster information. Agreement to get name badges for all seven members. Commissioners affirmed names as to be printed on badges. Chair noted we need roster information, included telephone and addresses for all Commissioners. Motion by Johnson to get name badges; Hille second. Passed unanimously.

Secretary notes that email from the Mayor came in during our discussion detailing the Commissioners’ terms, read into the record as follows:

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| Janel Lakes Davenport |  | Feb. 18, 20 | Feb. 18, 23 |
| Gene Stinchcomb |  | Feb. 24, 20 | Feb. 24, 23 |
| Robert C. Johnson, Sr. |  | Feb. 18, 20 | Feb. 18, 23 |
| Virginia Bland |  | Jan. 16, 19 | Jan. 16, 22 |
| Sharyn Mitchell |  | July 7, 20 | Dec. 6, 22 |
| Peter Hille |  | Nov. 15, 18 | Nov. 15, 21 |
| Randy Dinsmore |  | Dec. 14, 18 | Dec. 14, 21 |

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjournment at 5:38:** moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Corrected and accepted at BHRC meeting February 17, 2021**

**Submitted by:**

**Peter Hille, BHRC secretary**

**Approved by:**

**Gene Stinchcomb, Chair**