

## Berea Human Rights Commission (BHRC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2025

Time: 6:01 PM

Location: Berea City Hall, Randy Stone Room

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### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Sharyn Mitchell.

### **II. Roll Call**

Present:

- Sharyn Mitchell
- Mim Pride
- Felecia Ballard
- Susie Harris
- Janel Lakes Davenport
- Kathy Williams (Guest)
- Nancy Conley (Guest – Berea City Tourism Director)

Absent:

- Katie Heckman
- Ali Blair (First Friday)

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Mim Pride and seconded by Susie Harris. Motion carried.

### **IV. Budget Report**

A motion to accept the budget report was made by Mim Pride and seconded by Felecia Ballard. Motion carried.

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### **V. Old Business**

- Badges: Badges have arrived. Sharyn Mitchell will pick them up at a later date.
- Meeting with Mayor: Mim Pride will meet with the Mayor in a few weeks regarding records storage, telephone services, and other logistical matters. These items are tabled for now.

- Speaker - Pat Gailey (Abolish Slavery): Will be rescheduled for a date after the June 15th event.
  - A motion to table the above old business items was made by Susie Harris and seconded by Mim Pride. Motion carried.
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## **VI. New Business**

- NAACP Announcement: Freedom 5K will take place on June 28 at Whitehall. Opportunities available for tabling. The NAACP expressed interest in potentially holding a similar event in Berea.
  - Track the Axe Anniversary: June 3 marks the 250th anniversary of the Track the Axe walk. Participants are expected to arrive at the Berea Utilities Building around 10:00 AM.
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## **VII. Events & Programming – Juneteenth**

### **Confirmed Performers & Presenters:**

- Keith McCutchens (Music) – \$200
- St. Paul AME Praise Dancers – \$200
- Randy Westbrook (Music/Singing) – \$200
- Koree Jackson (Violinist) – \$200
- Community Combined Choir – \$200
- KY Cabaret Trio (Singing) – \$200
- Berea Old Time Music Circle (Music) – \$200
- Damian Goggans (Guitarist) – \$500
- Central KY Brass Quintet (Music) – \$200
- Youth Poets: Jackson Harris, Aadrianna Rogers (No charge)
- Hassan and Malcolm Davis (Frederick Douglass Adaptation) – \$200
- Dr. Ashley Sweat (Speaker)-(No charge)
- Boy Scout Troop #51 (Color Guard)

### **Confirmed Tables:**

- African American Genealogy Group of KY
- Appalachian Community Meal Project
- Baptist Health
- Berea Home Village
- First Christian Church
- Madison County Historical Society
- Madison County Sheriff's Office
- New Opportunity School for Women
- YMCA Black Achievers

- Union Church
- Berea College (possibly)
- NAACP Health Committee (possibly)
- Berea Police Department (should invite)
- Berea Farmers Market
- Madison County Public Library – Berea Branch
- Our Land of Promise
- Richmond HRC (Children’s Area)
- Berea HRC

**Sponsors:**

- Berea Tourism – \$1,000 (Invoice and W-9 needed)
- BHRC – \$2,000
- First Christian Church – \$100
- Union Church – Up to \$500
- Association for Teaching Black History in KY – Up to \$3,000
- City of Berea – In-kind support
- Our Land of Promise – \$500
- Richmond HRC – In-kind support
- Berea Community School JAG Program
- First Friday

**Logistics:**

- Food: Ensure all food trucks are self-contained.
- Power: Quiet generator required.
- Sound System: Budgeted at \$500.
- Proclamation: Written by The Mayor, presented by Mim; pending acceptance by the Mayor. Copy also sent to Robin.
- Parking & Transportation:
  - Shuttle service from Skate Park (KY Foothills – tentative)
  - Parking options include Berea Baptist Church, Berea College vans, and potentially Dad’s Flooring party bus

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

A Zoom meeting will be scheduled (based on Ali’s availability). The next regular meeting is set for June 25, 2025.

## **IX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Janel Lakes Davenport, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharyn J. Mitchell", is written over a horizontal line.