

YORK CITY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 E. Market St
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Call to order:

Commissioner Fitch calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

In attendance- Commissioners Fitch, Sawor, Sexton, Rhodes, Woerthwein and Chronister. Excused- Commissioners Lilly, Chamberlin and Williams. Absent – Commissioner Moore. Staff in attendance- Ramirez.

Public Comment:

Holly Goud, Crispus Attucks-Rising Stars Program Presentation

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the last scheduled meeting were presented. Commissioner Sawor motions to have the minutes approved. Woerthwein seconds, all in favor- motion passes.

Report of Acting Chair:

An update was presented for City Council on May 21st. The main issue of Council members was the configuration and the need to reconfigure our staffing.

Commissioner Fitch and Lilly visited the Finance department to gain a better understanding of the budgeting planning process. Work is needed in that area, the budget for 2015 will begin in September.

A site visit was done at the Stick N Move facility and the needs of the program was discussed with Mr. Dorm.

Commissioner Fitch met with Michael Newson regarding race and what he is looking to do regarding it in York County.

Notes have been drafted from the planning meeting, the work will be formulated and distributed to each committee.

Budget/Finance Committee Report:

Commissioner Woerthwein reads the expenditures from May 19-June 16; he motions to have the expense report approved. Sawor seconds, motion carries.

Personnel Committee Report:

Commissioner Chronister recommends to offer Tonya Morgan the position of investigator with the Human Relations Commission. Sawor seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report:

A special meeting is scheduled for June 23 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the Practices and Procedures.

Communications:

YWCA submitted a request for a donation to support Camp Cann-Edi-On for \$160 camper sponsorship for one week or a wishlist of items

Save the Date - Planned Parenthood for Keystone Jazz Night November 15, 2014.

Commissioner Fitch points out that in the job description for the Human Relations Commission Office Manager position, there is a request to have the "Office" title removed from the description. A vote will take place at the special meeting.

The agenda packet is reviewed, along with the case docket report and the non- jurisdictional reports. Commissioner Rhodes inquires about the case that involved a school. He was unfamiliar that the HRC could take complaints involving schools. A short discussion regarding the process took place.

In the agenda packet received, an update letter from Attorney Slade is included. Commissioner Chronister address the letter, paragraph 3. She apologizes for reviewing some case files, it was approved by the Commissioners to have her review the cases. Commissioner Fitch notes that she responded to the Attorney and informed her that the Commissioners moved forward under the direction of PHRC and that you (Chronister) are aware to recuse yourself if any of these cases do come up for a Board review. The Commissioners discuss the attorney's role and expectations with the Commission.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Sawor makes a motion, as amended, that we sponsor Stick N Move in the monetary amount of \$1400 and assist them with community partnerships for further funding and development; which includes \$800 for rent and \$600 for safety equipment. Chronister seconds the motion. Commissioner Woerthwein abstains. Motion carries.

New Business:

Equality Fest sponsorships- a discussion was held on the different options available for the HRC participation. Commissioner Woerthwein moves to support Equality Fest, option 3, at a level of \$300 for a specific performing arts. Rhodes seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

The Nomination and Leadership committee was called upon to provide a slate for the Executive committee at the upcoming meeting in September.

A recommendation to move the January meeting date from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday beginning in Jan 2015 because it falls on a holiday, Martin Luther King Observance. Commissioner Sawor motions to move the January meeting date to the second Monday from here on out. Sexton seconds, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjournment:

Chronister motions to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m.