

CITY OF YORK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2015

Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

In attendance- Commissioners: Fitch, Sawor, Sexton, Rhodes, Williams, Chamberlin, Woerthwein, and Rivera. Quorum met.

Not in attendance- Commissioner Lilly and Moore.

Staff present- Ramirez

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

January minutes moved for approval by Commissioner Woerthwein, Sawor seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Report of Chair:

Commissioner Lilly resigns as a Commissioner effective Feb 17.

Case status report is reviewed. Commissioner Fitch notes that the Investigator is not present; all questions should be emailed to her.

A conversation about funding for an Attorney was discussed, including the possibility of having a Pro-Bono candidate.

Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

No report.

Commissioner Fitch notes that the Secretary/Treasurer seat will be vacant. Any interested parties are to notify the Chair within the next (30) thirty days.

Report of Standing Committees:

Budget and Finance –Budget is discussed and numbers reviewed. No remarkable encumbrances since last month. Commissioner Fitch suggests the committee contact the Business Administrator to inquire about the level of administrative and central services costs that are reflected in the budget.

Personnel Committee- No report. Commissioner Williams requests the other members of the committee meet to review and discuss the resumes received from interested parties for the vacant attorney position.

Planning and Community Relations- Commissioner Rhodes is working on a big project with the public access channel, more information will be distributed once everything is put together. Met with Kevin Glover about the Lady Raiders sports program, they will definitely need donations. Commissioner Rhodes suggested adding an educational component to the program. Mr. Glover will forward a budget sheet for the current program.

Commissioner Rhodes motions to donate \$500 to the Lady Raiders Basketball Program. Woerthwein seconds, all in favor. Motion carries.

Race against Racism is coming up- April 25, 2015; Commissioner Rhodes suggests the commission be more involved. Sponsorship opportunities were discussed.

Nomination and Leadership Development- No report.

Social Media Committee- Next meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 5:30 p.m., Martin Library. Main focus is to get the website updated. Commissioner Sawor suggests to have a group or individual photographs of all current Commissioners. Details will be discussed at the March meeting.

County Wide Committee- No report.

Communications:

The agenda packet is reviewed, along with the case docket report and the non- jurisdictional reports. Commissioner Rhodes discusses the revised time limitations for cases.

Friendship Shalom and Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene is hosting a Community Dialogue on February 27 @ 10:30 a.m. 350 Chestnut Street, York.

Unfinished Business:

A discussion about the Partnership Interest letter that was received from the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission took place. It was agreed that the discussion be tabled for the March meeting, all questions/concerns regarding the letter are to be directed to Commissioner Fitch.

A response was received from Nathan Roth, Lancaster Housing Opportunity Sponsorship, regarding a meeting. Commissioner Williams will forward the email with available dates for Commissioners to attend.

York non-discrimination policy change to explicitly include gender identity and expression. It was originally brought the Commissions attention in October, a special presentation regarding the topic was held in December. A brief discussion on this topic took place.

Commissioner Fitch motions for the CYHRC to support the York non-discrimination policy change to explicitly include gender identity and expression and bring it to the York City Council. Sexton moves, Chamberlin seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rivera moves to adjourn meeting, Sexton seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.