

CITY OF YORK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2015

Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

Present- Commissioners: Fitch, Chamberlin, Rhodes, Woerthwein and Sexton. Quorum met.

Not present- Commissioner Rivera, Moore, and Williams.

Excused- Commissioner Sawor.

Staff present- T. Thompson-Morgan and J. Ramirez.

Public Comment:

N. Brabham not present.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Woerthwein moves to approve the April minutes, seconded by Chamberlin. All in favor, motion carries.

Report of Chair:

No report.

Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

Budget reflects a negative variance under vacation/holiday. Zero dollars were allocated to these line items for the year, Commissioner Chamberlin will look into the situation. Postage line item is zeroed out, fees have incurred. A budget transfer request has been submitted to cover the fees.

Report of Standing Committees:

Budget and Finance- Commissioner Fitch met with the Business Administrator, Mike Doweary, to discuss the set costs in allocation lines that were higher than previous years. These areas fixed costs but they do not detract from what our budget is in the City system.

Commissioner Chamberlin requests one of the newly appointed candidates to be assigned to the Budget and Finance Committee. Also, she will be working on possible grants and funding over the summer.

Personnel Committee- Commissioner Sexton reports that the committee will be meeting with Attorney Marakay Rodgers to discuss pro-bono work for the Commission. Another attorney has also been contacted for an interview, information will be forwarded at a later time.

Planning and Community Relations- Commissioner Rhodes reports that the committee met with Nate Roth-Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership, to discuss a housing event. Grants and funding opportunities, county outreach methods, advertising and several other topics were discussed.

A Housing Symposium is scheduled for June 23 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. at Santander Stadium. A case worker audience will be targeted for this event, lunch will be provided.

Race against Racism had a good turnout, 22 children showed up and participated. Next year's event will have different components.

Nomination and Leadership Development- Cheril Chronister and Jeanne Buckingham are on City Councils agenda on Wednesday, May 20 to be appointed to the Commission. If approved, the Commission will be at full compliment.

Social Media Committee- HRC Facebook page has received more "likes" than last month thanks to a staff member sharing the page with her friends, People are engaging in the site, checking out the information; it is a great way to promote in the community.

Communications:

Cumulative case status report for April was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested to add a new column under the case status report that reflects cases that meet prima facie.

The HRC will have an informational table at the Centro Hispano Jose Hernandez "5th Spring Community Festival" Saturday, May 30th, 2015, from 10am to 4pm; at Renaissance Park 225 East Princess Street, York.

International & Cultural Festival Expo will be held Saturday, June 20th from 9am - 9pm. The location for this event will be at Farquhar & Kiwanis Lake.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Ms. Thompson-Morgan announces that she will be providing Fair Housing training with the Bell Shelter group twice a month.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sexton moves to adjourn the meeting, Woerthwein seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.