

+CITY OF YORK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2015

Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

In attendance- Commissioners: Rollins-Fitch, Sexton, Rhodes, Woerthwein, Rivera, Chronister, Buckingham. Quorum met.

Staff present- Thompson-Morgan and Ramirez.

Not in attendance- Commissioners Sawor and Moore.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Rivera motions to approve August minutes, Chronister seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

Report of Chair:

Commissioner Williams resigned effective August 17, 2015, noted with a letter to the Mayor.

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch and Ms. Ramirez are working on budget for submission to the Mayor due in October; as well as what expenditures are needed from now to the end of the year.

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch acknowledges receipt of Commissioner Woerthwein's email response in regards to him accepting the Secretary/Treasurer vacancy. Commissioner Woerthwein states he is willing to accept with the condition of being excused from presenting the budget this year.

Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

See budget and finance report.

Report of Standing Committees:

- a. **Budget and Finance-** No new encumbrances to date; the salary/wages are at 40 percent of the yearly expenditures.
- b. **Personnel Committee-** No report.
- c. **Planning and Community Relations-** Commissioner Rhodes explains that the two Commissioners that resigned were in charge of the event planning, progress has been lost due to these circumstances. Commissioners Rhodes and Woerthwein will co-chair in

planning the event with the support of the remaining Commissioners. A discussion about the possible location, number of attendees, prices, and performers took place. All Commissioners will be required to assist in the planning in order to have it in November.

Investor series will be tabled for a short time due to budget issues and timing.

- d. **Nomination and Leadership Development-** Commissioner Sexton suggests recommendations be taken from the floor. The floor is open for nominations:

Commissioner Buckingham nominates Commissioner Rollins-Fitch as Chairperson, Woerthwein seconds. Nomination accepted. Vote takes place, Commissioner Rhodes abstains, all in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Sexton nominates Mark Rhodes as Vice-Chair, Chronister seconds. Nomination declined for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Sexton nominates Commissioner Chronister as Vice-Chair, Buckingham seconds. Nomination accepted. Vote takes place, all in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Sexton nominates Commissioner Woerthwein as Secretary/Treasurer, Buckingham seconds. Nomination accepted. Vote takes place, all in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch will be updating the committee list, she suggests for everyone to email her with preferences.

- e. **Social Media Committee-** No report.

Communications:

The agenda packet is reviewed and discussed, along with the case docket report and the non-jurisdictional reports. Commissioners Sexton and Rhodes discuss the dates for the upcoming York County Advisory meetings; those dates will be forwarded to everyone once scheduled.

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch explains that she has received several inquiries from parents about housing situations; she has referred them to the HRC office. It is suggested that the HRC distribute more housing discrimination information to shelters, nursing homes, and housing providers, and/or caseworkers. Staff is asked to redesign the housing literature to be more reader friendly and compact. Housing discrimination and Tenant/Landlord topics are discussed and which topics the Commission's powers and duties has jurisdiction over. Attorney Rogers will be contacted for clarification about the concerns.

E-886 is presented for closure under a predetermination agreement. Commissioner Woerthwein motions to administratively close E-886, Chronister seconds the motion. Vote takes place, one opposed, motion carries.

Unfinished Business:

Recommendation discussion on the Full Force All Stars Cheerleading took place, Commissioner Rhodes inquires about the determination of the profit/non-profit status. Tanisha Moody- founder, gave an update about the program and explains that she has been in contact with several financial advisers to discuss the

different avenues that pertain to the program. Commissioner Rhodes states that the recommendation will depend on their status and since they are neither at this time, no recommendation will be submitted. Mrs. Moody shares that a new location for their gym has been found but it is currently under construction; she also shares what is needed in order to be fully operational. Commissioner Rollins-Fitch informs Mrs. Moody that it will be taken under more consideration once additional clarity on the information is received.

Commissioner Rhodes explains to the board the difference between profit and nonprofit youth programs. A decision was made to support groups that are non-profit organizations only. Based upon previous discussions, a motion of clarification that the monies in the youth sports grants will only be donated to a legal nonprofit youth oriented programs in the City of York was moved by Commissioner Woerthwein, seconded by Chronister. Further discussion takes place; all vote, one abstains, and motion carries.

Commissioners agree to meet for the event planning on October 5, 2015 at 5:30. Commissioner Rhodes volunteers to contact former Commissioners Williams and Chamberlin to request the information they had for the event.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Rivera moves to adjourn meeting, Buckingham seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.