

CITY OF YORK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2016

Call to order:

Commissioner Woerthwein calls the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Commissioners in attendance: Woerthwein, Buckingham, Rhodes, Sexton, and Myers.

Excused: Commissioners Rollins-Fitch, Chronister, and Ritter-Dickson.

Staff present: Thompson-Morgan and Ramirez.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Buckingham moves to accept the May minutes, Myers seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Note:* "Commissioner Sexton was excused from the May 16th meeting."

Report of Chair:

The board welcomes Harold Myers, appointed by City Council on June 7 as an HRC Commissioner.

It is requested for the Nomination and Leadership Development Committee to have a slate of officers prepared for the meeting in September.

Staff is instructed to provide an updated summer vacation calendar (July and August) to be sent to all Commissioners along with the June minutes and updated Committee list.

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch suggests to partner with other diversity programs for the disabled to do a forum that will discuss diversity issues and needs of the disabled community. The end goal would be to draw attention to what York has to offer and where there are deficits that need to be addressed.

Committees are to meet over the summer to work on outstanding assignments or initiatives and to prepare a report to be used to build an annual report. Reports are to be submitted at the September meeting.

Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

Commissioner Woerthwein reads budget report, no new encumbrances.

Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Budget and Finance-No report.

- b. Personnel Committee- No report.
- c. Planning and Community Relations- Commissioner Rhodes introduces an idea of a coloring page with HRC information on the opposite side as a promotional item.

Mrs. Thompson-Morgan gives an update on “Landlord University”. Several marketing pieces and logos were provided by Nate Knight from Design Box. The goal now is to get as many attendees as possible. The fee for the event is \$100 per person.
- d. Nomination and Leadership Development- No report.
- e. Social Media Committee- No report.
- f. Branding Committee- Commissioners Buckingham and Ritter-Dickson have been in communication with the Art Institute and York College about submitting an art piece.

Communications:

The agenda packet is reviewed, along with the case docket report and the non- jurisdictional reports.

NAACP will be hosting “Healthcare Concerns” forum on September 27, in which community members will present their unaddressed, unmet concerns in the City and County. A summary report will be compiled and sent to the providers at the following meeting. Commissioner Sexton motions to partner with the NACCP in this forum with an additional emphasis on the disabled community; Commissioner Myers seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Commissioner Woerthwein shares a note that he sent to Joann Edwards, Executive Director PHRC, addressing the question “Is the HRC really as diverse as it should be?” According to the Governors Office of Administration, PHRC is the most diverse agency in the commonwealth.

A discussion took place about the article in the York Daily Record/York Dispatch involving the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Dallastown and a Spring Grove School board member and a Republican Delegate to the Republican Convention. The school board member made derogatory, racist, and intolerant comments towards Muslims. PHRC was made aware of the incident and will be investigating it.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:

Commissioner Rhodes motions to adjourn meeting, Sexton seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.