

CITY OF YORK HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

28 East Market Street
York, PA 17401

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2016

Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

In attendance- Commissioners Rollins-Fitch, Chronister, Woerthwein, Ritter-Dickson, and Rhodes.
Quorum met.

Not in attendance- Commissioners Rivera, Sexton, and Buckingham (excused).

Staff present- Ramirez and Thompson- Morgan.

Public Comment:

No speakers.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Chronister moves to accept the April minutes, Woerthwein seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

***Note** change to minutes under Communications, paragraph 2, first sentence:

“Commissioner Rollins-Fitch requests a 12 month graph for County inquires to get a better understanding of the type of inquires made to the HRC...”

Report of Chair:

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch reports that Commissioner Rivera resigns effective May 16, 2016 in a letter mailed to Mayor Bracey over the weekend.

The loss of Ms. Ramirez’s family member. Thank you Ms. Thompson-Morgan for stepping up and handling the extra workload in Ms. Ramirez’s absence.

Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

The budgetary report for May, expenditures listed are salaries, wages, and benefits; allocations are made to the Commission. No new expenditures for this month. No follow-up information has been received from HUD regarding the final approval letter releasing the available funds.

Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Budget and Finance- See report of Secretary/Treasurer.
- b. Personnel Committee- No report.
- c. Planning and Community Relations- No report.
- d. Nomination and Leadership Development- Four names were submitted to the committee; one declined, and two were unresponsive. Commissioner Chronister motions to have Harold Myers move forward as a candidate for the Commission. All in favor. Motion carries.
- e. Social Media Committee- No report.
- f. Branding Committee- Commissioner Ritter-Dickson submits a drawing from a student at William Penn Senior High School, only one entry was received. Colleges, art schools, and local artists are suggested to be included in the contest. Commissioner Ritter-Dickson makes a motion to extend the contest for the HRC logo design until the next meeting, Woerthwein seconds.

Communications:

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

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Rollins-Fitch reminds each committee to submit timeline reports for each committee.

Commissioner Woerthwein reports his conversation with Carl Summerson and John Clark, PHRC, in regards to the MOU; PHRC suggested additional information about Mediation Services be added to the MOU. It was decided to put the topic aside and discussed for the following year.

Commissioner Chronister speaks about the media piece she and Commissioner Rivera planned to have within the next couple of months with the LGTB community regarding discrimination in Employment, Housing, and Public Accommodation. She requests each Commissioner submit a list of topics to discuss at the interview. In light of Commissioner Rivera's resignation, it was decided to postpone the media coverage until a candidate has been recommended by the Mayor.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Commissioner Woerthwein, seconded by Ritter-Dickson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: JR