

COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 2018
C.K. NEWSOME CENTER

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Dion
Alex Burton
Estella Moss
Ruby McGlowen
Henrietta Jenkins
Dan Carwile
Daniel Davis
Sharnika Baltzell

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director

Chairperson Robert Dion called The Human Relations Commission monthly board meeting to order on the above date.

Agenda Requests – None

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Carwile and Burton respectively to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Commissioners voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Response to email sent to Director from Wally Paynter for sponsorship of gay pride picnic. Request: \$200 sponsorship. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Carwile and Jenkins respectively to send \$200 to Mr. Paynter for support of the gay pride picnic. Commissioners voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 Annual Dinner

Dates available now are Wednesdays, October 10th or 17th. Commissioners will vote on next date. Sherrilyn Ifill is not available. The cost for a speaker as reported by the Director, \$12,000 as reasonable cost. Question: Will the speaker have any bearing on ticket costs?

Director stated we will try to keep everything reasonable and affordable for attendees' budgets.

Additions to be noted:

The idea was put to the committee of exploring the MLK family. Director stated Clarence B. Jones, who helped pen the 'I Have a Dream' speech had been explored.

If the Commission would like to explore Dr. King speakers, the Director can look at the option or if there were a specific focus as far as speakers, the commission would like the director to focus on. Commissioner Dione asserted the Commissioners put on a thinking cap and come up with an idea. Many names were mentioned as well as a focus for the type of speaker. Commissioner Moss suggested Angela Davis. Commissioner Jenkins suggested the founder/creator of Black Lives Matter. The information was to be emailed to Director. Commissioner Dion suggested Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta as a nice representation of diversity.

RACIAL EQUALITY:

Tabled

Department of Justice will send a PowerPoint presentation, which can be used in a school context. Director advised we have a swift response and met to iron out a plan as well as reach out to USI to see what their response will be.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The director presented her monthly report for March.

Director Clements-Boyd gave highlights of the Housing Workshop.

12 new cases, 5 transferred, 83 existing cases.

Extension on discovery- August 16 & 17

Rankins v. Pistons:

Charging party has not responded. Letter will be sent to party, if no response case will be closed.

Baker v. Delaware Trace:

Parties are looking for a private mediator.

May v. StaC Art Gallery:

Mid May for charging party to provide response to conciliation offer.

May v. Deerhead: Charging party working on contracts and bids to gather scope of project.

EEOC contract funding for this year: 63 closures, 71 intakes and will collect about \$50,000 in reimbursement funds.

Commissioners' Remarks:

Stand Against Racism Day

Today, April 25, 2018

3pm , 4pm & 6 pm – speakers

Keynote speaker at 6pm

University of Evansville

Commissioner Burton asserted there are excited things coming from the school corporation. Commission Dion asserted April has been a good month for commission with the Barbershop Initiative and Fair Housing events.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:30pm.