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COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
JULY 24, 2019
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Dion
Ruby McGlown
Dan Davis
Charnika Baltzell
Rick Kueber
Tim Black

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director
Bonnie Fox

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

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

There were no agenda requests.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Commissioners voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sponsorship Requests –

The director presented commissioners a sponsorship request from HOLA for the Latino Festival which will be held August 10th at Bosse Field. The director suggested for HRC to partner with the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) to share a booth @ \$250 each. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners McGlown and Black to partner with DMD for the sponsorship. However there was an amendment to the motion for HRC to sponsor @ the \$500 level if DMD is unable to partner. Commissioners voted unanimously.

IAOHRA Statement –

International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is an organization for human rights professionals in which Robin Toma is the president. The director reported that Mr. Toma has done an exceptional job as the president, he does intergroup relations work and travels to Geneva for international meetings. IAOHRA has presented a statement on condemning the Conditions of Detention of Undocumented Immigrants. The director asked commissioners if they would like to vote to support the statement. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Kueber and Baltzell respectively and voted on unanimously by commissioners to support the statement. The director reported it may be on the IAOHRA website.

OLD BUSINESS:

HRC Annual Dinner & Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards –

The dinner will be on October 30th and the speaker has not been confirmed. The director was notified that Catherine Lhamon would not be available to speak. The director reported that Fania Davis, who was a civil rights Attorney for 27 years was recommended by Speak Out, and she is affordable. She speaks on Restorative Justice and recently released a book in April 2019. After some discussion, it was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Black and Kueber to have Fania Davis as the 2019 Annual Dinner speaker. Commissioners voted unanimously. The mayor wants to use the dinner as a platform to kick-off the 100th Anniversary of the 19th amendment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The director submitted her report for June.

Director Clements-Boyd reported that Investigators Mensah and Murphy will do a Fair Housing presentation at Property Owners and Management Association (POMA) on Thursday.

Open Discussion on Community Issues –

Director Clements-Boyd reported that there was a share on Instagram about O'Brian's Restaurant on Green River Road which stated that the restaurant wanted to limit the number of black patrons. It was not known if the owner made the post or if the message was from a disgruntled employee. HRC will look into this.

COUNSEL REPORT:

Attorney Hussmann's report was passed out in his absence.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS:

Commissioner Baltzell reported that her Etiquette classes will start in August.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was properly moved and seconded to adjourn this July 2019 meeting of the Human Relations Commission.