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COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
MAY 24, 2017
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Alex Burton
Ruby McGlown
Jason Miner
Zachary Kiefer
Dan Carwile
Jayson Munoz
Robert Dion
Charnika Baltzell

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director
Bonnie Fox

David Kent, Commission Counsel

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.

Commissioner Carwile noted a change to be made to the March Minutes. He recommended changing “county ordinance has no teeth” to voluntary compliance by the provider. Commissioners Carwile and Munoz properly moved and seconded the motion. Commissioners unanimously voted to accept the minutes with the above amendment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance Revision –

The 2016 MEI Scorecard reported that there is no definition of employment discrimination in the HRC ordinance and clarification is needed. The recommendation from the Human Rights Campaign is to provide the definition and add gender identity to the definition of public accommodation. The director has been asked to try to improve the city’s score. The first reading of the revision will be at Tuesday’s County Commission meeting.

Sponsorship Request –

HRC has received sponsorship requests from Tri-State Alliance (TSA), HOLA and YWCA (Women’s Equality Day). The commission has been sponsors in the past for each of the organizations. The 38th Annual TSA Pride Picnic will be June 25, 2017 and HRC has been a Title Sponsor @ \$250. The HOLA Latino Festival is June 17, 2017, HRC had sponsored previously @ \$500. Women’s Equality Day is August 25, 2017, and HRC has sponsored the Not-For-Profit @ \$250. Commissioner Munoz requested the sponsorship for HOLA to be the same as the others. The sponsorship donations will be taken from the donations account. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Munoz and Carwile respectively to sponsor the groups @ \$250 each. The commissioners voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Dinner –

The Annual Dinner is October 3, 2017 at the Old National Events Plaza. Director Clements-Boyd presented commissioners with Bios she received from the American Program Bureau of potential speakers that are available on the day planned for the dinner. After looking over the list of potential speakers there was a request to seek more candidates. The director did not agree and explained the time is too short to look find other names. Commissioners Carwile and Baltzel motioned and seconded respectively for Fania Davis and Pedro Noguera for first and second choice for speakers. The commissioners did not approve the selection. A secret vote was taken by commissioners for first, second and third choices. The votes and results are as follows:

	<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Third choice</u>
M.E. Dyson	4	1	2
F. Davis	2		1
G. Canada	2		1
P. Noguera		3	
L. Russell		2	
M. Wright Edelman		2	
B. Stevenson			3

Michael Eric Dyson received the most first place votes and overall votes. Commissioners Carwile and Burton moved and seconded respectively and commissioners voted for Michael Eric Dyson as the 2017 Annual Dinner Speaker.

Public Hearings – Update

Ross v. Shannon Glen Apartments

The hearing was scheduled April 24-25, but has been postponed and no future date has been set. David Kent reported that three pre-hearing conferences would be conducted via telephone conference. All three pre-hearing conferences will be held concurrently.

Community Outreach and Education

Plans are being made for a community forum in the month of June. The director would like commissioners to consider putting on a forum to increase harmony and decrease violence.

Director Clements-Boyd reported June is also Pride Month.

Director Clements-Boyd asked commissioners to attend the ADA training on June 21, 2017 at Central Library in Browning Room B. Doug Goeppner from USI will conduct a training session from 9:30 – 11:00 am on ADA, Title III (Public Accommodation). The training is open to the public and sponsored by the Advisory Board on Disability Services. The Human Relations Commission provides administrative support to the advisory board.

The Advisory Board on Disability Services will have a training on the AccessAbility Decal Program on June 29, 2017. The group will survey a local restaurant to be determined if the restaurant is ADA compliant. If the restaurant meets the guidelines, the advisory board will present the restaurant with a decal to place in/on restaurant to show the restaurant meets the program requirements.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

The director presented her monthly reports for March and April.

Director Clements-Boyd reported that the Annual Consortium has been moved to August 22-25, 2017. There will be commissioner tracks on Wednesday and Thursday during that week.

Open Discussion on Community Issues –

There will be a meeting in June at the Potter's Wheel discussing the displacement of tenants at Lincoln Estates.

Commissioners Burton and Munoz respectively moved and seconded to adjourn @ 12:53 pm.