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COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
JUNE 28, 2017
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Dion
Jayson Munoz
Dan Carwile
Tim Black

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director
Bonnie Fox

Chairperson Robert Dion called the Human Relations Commission monthly board meeting to order on the above date @ 11:40 am.

Agenda Requests – None

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

Due to lack of a quorum, no action could be taken on the minutes of the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Dinner –

The Annual Dinner is scheduled for October 3, 2017 at the Old National Events Plaza. The Save-the-Date cards are ready. The Board of Public Works must sign the contract before they can go out. The director will go to County Commission meeting to request that the fee for the venue be waived. The commissioners have waived the fee in the past. A dinner committee needs to be formed before the commission meets again and the director will send out an email for volunteers to serve on the committee. The City's legal department recommended some changes to the contract and the changes were accepted. The contract goes before Board of Public Works on Thursday for approval and if

approved the marketing and advertising for the dinner may begin. It was agreed by both sides to pay the fee of \$23,200. The American Program Bureau agreed to pay for the speaker's flight and ground travel. The commission is responsible for the fee and hotel.

Public Hearings – Update

The public hearing has been postponed. The director has informed the commissioners that Attorney David Kent is no longer the legal counsel for the commission. Attorney Kyle Biesecker, civil rights litigator and former HRC investigator has accepted the position as the commission's legal counsel.

Community Outreach and Education –

The Advisory Board on Disability Services has had several trainings and workshops on ADA Accessibility and Title III programs. The board has planned an AccessAbility Decal training on June 29, 2017. The group will survey Walton's Restaurant to determine if the restaurant is accessible. If the restaurant meets the standards, the advisory board will present the restaurant with a decal to place in the restaurant to show the restaurant meets the program requirements.

The Social Status Commission of African Males will participate in the Million Father March when school starts in August. This has been a continuing initiative with the Social Status Commission encouraging black males to take their children to school on the first day and the commission is working with EVSC to implement the initiative.

The director reported that the School to Prison Pipeline information that was received at the public forums has been completed and the commission is working on a way to get that communication out to the community. The director is hoping to get someone from the University of Southern Indiana to compile the information and to provide a final report from the Social Status Commission with recommendations.

Independence Square Apartments requested Fair Housing Training and HRC provided the training.

DIRECTOR REPORT:

The director presented her monthly report for May.

Director Clements-Boyd reported to commissioners that the city asked HRC to reduce its budget by 3% but HRC reduced the budget by 10%. The city is hoping the county continues with its funding of the HRC.

The director will work with the mayor and the director of personnel on diversity training for city employees. The director is working with International Training and Development, the same vendor that did the city's diversity training in 2014. The director plans to submit a proposal to have a facilitator speak to city leaders on how to do diversity and inclusion strategic planning.

The current president of the consortium is out of the country so Director Clements-Boyd is working diligently to help with the consortium plans.

Open Discussion on Community Issues –

The director attended and participated in the Goosetown Association meeting on the problems and evictions at Lincoln Estates.

Meeting was adjourned @ 12:15 pm.