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**COMMISSION BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 23, 2017**  
**CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Robert Dion  
Alex Burton  
Tim Black  
Estella Moss  
Jason Miner  
Zachary Kiefer

**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.

Agenda Requests – None

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Black and Moss respectively to adopt the minutes of the July meeting as printed. Commissioners voted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Contract – Dr. Timberly Baker –

The director has contacted Dr. Timberly Baker to organize and summarize information gathered from the School-to-Prison Pipeline forums. The report will include recommendations and best practices. Dr. Baker reports that there is disproportionality in the EVSC, but is unsure as to how many are entering into the pipeline. Additional data and analysis is needed. Commissioners voiced concerns on next steps and what to do with the information once received. It was suggested to have a half-day workshop or

forum and bring all the agencies that are affected together and have Dr. Baker present the findings. The commissioners want to make sure that the work is not just numbers but suggestions on next steps. Commissioners want the information in front of agencies and not to leave it up to agencies to come to the commission to find it. The director is confident in Dr. Baker's ability to analyze the data. The final contract has not been received but will be available for the next meeting. The commissioners want the language to be specific and action steps to be taken.

#### Sponsorship Requests –

WEOA submitted a sponsorship request for Family Day in the Park (FDITP). The director reported to commissioners that FDITP is a great opportunity to promote the Annual Dinner and connect with people in the community. There was much discussion on the sponsorship and Director Clements-Boyd assured commissioners that giving out informational brochures and the outreach and exposure of being out in the community is an asset for the commission. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Moss and Burton to continue the sponsorship at \$750.00. Commissioners voted unanimously for the sponsorship.

#### Awards –

It has been brought to the attention of the commission that since HRC is both a city and county agency it might be wise to change the name to include the county. The mayor is aware and has not yet expressed an opinion. There was much discussion on the topic and one suggestion is to approach the mayor for his suggestions. The flyers and advertisement are out so it would not be feasible to change the name for this year. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners Black and Miner respectively to not make a change to the name. Commissioners voted 4 – 2 in favor of not changing the name at this time.

It was made known that the county has proposed cutting the HRC budget from 13% to 7%. The HRC receives less funding from the county than any other joint department.

#### Charlottesville Statement –

The director reported that several organizations have planned marches for August 28, 2017 to commemorate the March on Washington. It was also suggested to release the statement on that date. Chairperson Dion passed out a statement he wrote before coming to the meeting. The commissioners discussed wording that needed to be deleted and/or added to the statement. The statement will be released after the necessary changes are made.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Annual Dinner, October 3, 2017 –

The chairperson reported that there was a very productive meeting of the dinner committee.

The director reported that HUD advised her to close the case that is now in federal court. HUD reported that according to the Fair Housing Act once a case has been filed in federal court it is to be dismissed. Attorney Biesecker reported that the attorney for the complainant said to close the case. Attorney Biesecker reported that the commission

should consider getting an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), which will help the commission get through cases more expeditiously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The director presented her monthly report for July.

Meeting was adjourned @ 12:40 pm.