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**COMMISSION BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2017**  
**ROOM 302**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Robert Dion  
Jason Miner  
Dan Carwile  
Ruby McGlown  
Estella Moss  
Henrietta Jenkins

**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 Carwile and Miner respectively to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Commissioners voted unanimously. Due to no action being taken on past minutes Commissioners Moss and Carwile respectively moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August, September and October meetings and commissioners voted unanimously to approve the past minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Sponsorship Requests –**

#### **Baptist Ministers and Deacons Alliance –**

The commission has received a request for support of the Annual Scholarship Banquet. The event is scheduled for January 6, 2018 at the Old National Events Plaza and Lou Gossett is the keynote speaker. In the past the commission has been a Silver Sponsor which entitles the commission to eight (8) tickets to the banquet, two (2) reception tickets, special recognition and logo and ad in the banquet book. Commissioners McGlown and Carwile moved and seconded respectively to be a Silver Sponsor. Commissioners voted unanimously.

### **WNIN Sponsorship –**

The commission received a request in support of the Black History Month programing. The fifteen second ads will air January 28, 2018 – March 3, 2018 for a total of 52 spots. The cost is \$1,000.00. The commission has offered support in the past at the same level. Commissioners Moss and Carwile respectively moved and seconded to provide support at the same level and commissioners voted unanimously.

### **Racial Equity –**

Director Clements-Boyd and Chairperson Dion met with Mayor Winnecke to share this initiative. The director coordinated a conference call and gave an explanation and the perspective to address the issues. She explained that stakeholders are needed to help with the expenses to pay for vendors to do the training which will consist of 2-3 half days. Denise Johnson Kincaid, Ivy Tech; Pam Hopson, USI; Lori Sutton, Vectren; Danyelle Granger, ONB; Dionne Blue, EVSC; Cyndee Landrum, Evansville Public Library and LaNeece Williams, UE have been contacted and they are very interested in implementing the training. The director will email the overview to the commissioners. Chairperson Dion favors trying to get more people involved.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Annual Dinner Report –**

The written report of the Annual Dinner was given to the commissioners.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The director presented her monthly report for November.

Director Clements-Boyd reported that there was another probable cause finding added in November.

There are two (2) cases for hearing in April and one (1) for May. There is a possibility that the one scheduled for May could be resolved. The cases scheduled for April are companion cases and they are seeking representation.

The director reported that video footage of the Annual Dinner is now available and discs will be sent to all the sponsors. She is seeking clearance from the American Program Bureau to put it on the HRC website.

The director announced that the Advisory Board on Disability Services would have ADA training on Friday, December 15.

An architect from the Department of Justice will conduct the training at Central Library. After the training, the group will go to the Victory Theater to survey the building for ADA compliance.

The director and chairperson met with the mayor to discuss the Hate Crime incident that appeared on social media. He enlists the HRC to take action and he wants to be involved also. The Mayor does not want the incident to go unaddressed. The mayor is considering having a series of community meetings and the first meeting is planned at Ivy Tech on February 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm. There is a movie documentary produced by Not in our Town that shows how communities came together after an act of hate. Commissioner Black had suggested having the meetings and film to coincide with Black History month. There may be open discussion after the showing of the film. Chairperson Dion will most likely facilitate.

#### Community Issues –

Commissioners voiced concern over a police chase through a predominately African American neighborhood at very high rates of speed. The chase in question contributed to deaths of two (2) babies. It was also discussed that when the same suspect was identified on the west side of town the sheriff's department handled it differently. It was reported that this is a sensitivity issue that needs to be shared with the police department and the mayor. Writing letters to the mayor was recommended.

#### **Commissioners' Remarks**

Robert Jackson of Indianapolis will speak at UE on Martin Luther King Day.

Commissioners Jenkins and Miner moved and seconded respectively to adjourn.