COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2018
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Alex Burton
Ruby McGlown
Dan Carwile
Dan Davis
Robert Dion
Tim Black
Jason Miner

STAFF PRESENT:
Bonnie Fox

William G. Hussmann, Jr., Counsel

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

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

Due to problems with equipment there were no published minutes of the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
Open Housing Resolution – Resolution to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the City of Evansville’s passage of the Open Housing Ordinance. The City Council passed the ordinance fifty years ago on November 20, 1968. This has been drafted and approved and will be brought up at the December meeting of the City Council.
Annual Dinner Report –
An unaudited report of the Human Relations Annual Dinner was given to the commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS:
Public Hearing –
Amy Rankins v. Piston’s Bar & Grill will take place later today. Attorney Hussmann explained to commissioners that there has to be no less than five (5) commissioners present, and there were enough commissioners who committed to be present. Attorney Hussmann explained the procedures of the hearing. Since the commission has had a problem contacting the charging party the investigator went to the last known address of the charging party and did make contact and was assured by the charging party of her presence at the proceedings.

Attorney Hussmann explained in the case of no appearance by the charging party that he will ask for a dismissal for default. If the charging party does attend there will be just a five (5) minute hearing to ask for a continuance. If that happens the parties will try to reach a conciliation in December or January. If no conciliation, thirty (30) days has to be allowed. The hearing will follow judicial capacities.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
The chairperson presented the director’s report for October in the absence of the director, who was attending mandatory training in Washington, DC.

COUNSEL REPORT:
Counsel Hussmann passed out his report on the pending cases for public hearings which included May v. Cork n Cleaver, Foreman v. Shannon Glen Apartments, Pressley v. Shannon Glen Apartments and Baker v. Delaware Trace Apartments. He also presented Case Law Development in Ashby v. Warrick County School Corporation that was decided November 5, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS:
USI is commemorating Human Right’s Day on November 29. Dr. Otis Moss will be the keynote speaker for the Ministers and Deacons Alliance scholarship banquet in January. It was mentioned that Dr. Moss was considered for the HRC Annual Dinner keynote speaker.

It was noted the regular meeting date for December is on Christmas Day and an alternative date was discussed. It was properly moved and seconded by commissioners Black and Carwile respectively to move the December meeting to January and Commissioners voted unanimously. Attorney Hussmann reported giving public notice that the meeting is to be postponed.

ADJOURNMENT:
It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners McGlown and Carwile respectively to adjourn this November 2018 meeting of the Human Relations Commission.