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**COMMISSION BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2019  
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Charnilka Baltzell  
Ruby McGlown  
Jason Miner  
Dan Davis  
Robert Dion  
Tim Black  
Rick Kueber  
Zach Kiefer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director  
Bonnie Fox

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

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

Commissioners Black and moved and seconded respectively to accept the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Commissioners voted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sponsorships**

Continuation of sponsorship with WNIN for the Black History month series presented the entire month of February. The commission has been a sponsor for the last two years and the price is \$1500.00. Commissioners McGlown and Davis moved and seconded respectively to continue the sponsorship for the Black History month series.

The director presented commissioners with a request from WEOA for the 2019 African American Series. The sponsor levels were for \$499, \$299 and \$129. It was properly moved and seconded by commissioners McGlown and Kueber to sponsor for \$299, and commissioners voted unanimously. The funds for both sponsorships will be taken from the donations account.

#### Election of Officers –

Chairperson Dion opened up the floor for election of officers. After much discussion it was properly moved and seconded by commissioners Kiefer and Black that Commissioners Dion, McGlown and Davis retain the positions of Chairperson, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairpersons respectively. Commissioner Baltzell graciously offered to accept the secretary position and commissioners voted unanimously for the slate of officers.

The chairperson submitted a statement for commissioners to review and submit as a statement from the commission regarding the Drag Queen Story Hour. The draft statement expressed the Human Relations Commission's support for DQSH. There was considerable discussion regarding the statement. The director made some suggestions and Commissioner Black suggested modifying the second sentence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of the statement. Commissioners McGlown and Kueber moved and seconded respectively for Human Relations to rewrite and submit a statement on DQSH with the amended language. Commissioners voted unanimously to submit the statement with the proposed amendments.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The director submitted reports for November and December.

The director reported that newly appointed commissioner Xavia Harrington-Chate is unable to get to the meeting by 11:30 due to her class obligation. The director proposed starting the meeting at 11:45 to accommodate her class schedule.

Director Clements-Boyd reported the Advisory Board on Disability which is under the umbrella of the Human Relations Commission is conducting Accessibility training on January 31, 2019.

The Black Barbershop Health Initiative, sponsored by the Social Status of African American Males, which is also under the Human Relations umbrella will be on April 13, 2019.

##### **COUNSEL REPORT:**

The director passed out the counsel report in the absence of Counsel Hussmann.

#### Gary May v. Stac Art –

A representative of Stac Art contacted Counsel Huffmann to say that the business had been closed down but information was discovered that the facility could yet be used for future “pop up” events. Council has prepared a conciliation agreement that was recently sent to both parties for comment.

Gary May v. Cork n Cleaver –

Parties met for a conciliation session on January 3, 2019. The owner has a contractor who is preparing to make changes to satisfy the charging party's concerns, in which the modifications appear to be reasonable requests. Counsel hopes to have conciliation agreement soon or will request a hearing to be held in March or April, 2019.

Forman v. Shannon Glen Apartments and Pressley v. Shannon Glen Apartments –

Conciliation attempt was made in December but was unsuccessful. Counsels are preparing for a discovery dispute. That will possibly take 60-90 days. He asked that the commission set a hearing date.

Mary Baker v. Delaware Trace Apartments –

Conciliation agreement was reached. Counsel is asking commissioners for approval of the conciliation which is for Ms. Baker to receive \$9,900.

Counsel also included in his report tips for performing commissioner's duties as hearing officers.

**COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners McGlown and Carwile respectively to adjourn this January 2019 meeting of the Human Relations Commission.