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**COMMISSION BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019  
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Dan Carwile  
Ruby McGlown  
Jason Miner  
Dan Davis  
Robert Dion  
Rick Kueber  
Xavia Harrington

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director  
Jamila Smith

Vice Chairperson Ruby McGlown called the Human Relations Commission monthly meeting to order on the above date.

The above named commissioners and staff were present.

Chairperson Dion entered the meeting at this time and proceeded with the meeting.

There were corrections made to the January minutes and Director Clements-Boyd reported the minutes may have been unfinished due to the absence of staff member Bonnie Fox who had been out for more than a week at meeting time. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the January minutes with the noted corrections. Commissioners voted unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Sponsorships –**

Bosse High School presented a request for the Festival of Nations which is an event coordinated by the EVSC Newcomers Academy and the Bosse International Club. This is the fifth annual Festival of Nations and it will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. They have asked HRC's support of \$1500 or \$500. The director checked the records and noted that HRC sponsored for \$250.00 in the past. An HRC staff member attended the event last year and reported that the event was very well attended. It was properly moved and seconded for HRC to sponsor for \$500. Commissioners voted unanimously.

### **Commissioner Training –**

Director Clements-Boyd reported that 2013 was the last year commissioner training had been done here. She reported that trainers from Human Relations' federal partners, EEOC and HUD, and a trainer from the Department of Justice have come here to train commissioners. She asked commissioners if training is something they want to pursue in coming months. Director Clements-Boyd reported that the Indiana Consortium is the local training for commissions but due to not many commissioners attending, there is a need to bring trainers here. She reported the Consortium Conference will be held in Indianapolis in June. It was reported since there have been changes in the law and policies there is a need for commissioner training.

### **Fair Housing Month –**

The Indianapolis HUD office has contacted the director to find out what HRC is planning for April. The director has tried to contact Sara Pratt, a well-known fair housing expert, but she has not received a response. Sara Pratt focuses mostly on inclusive housing and making sure housing is inclusive for people with disabilities. If she is not available the director reported that the National Community Reinvestment Coalition is doing education and awareness on redlining. The director reported to commissioners that redlining is not only in real estate as residential home ownership, but also in every aspect of businesses and loans. The director asked for commissioners to help HRC with programming as the commissioners may have a totally different perspective on how the community may view issues or what the issues are in terms of the programs that HRC does. Commissioner Carwile volunteered his services. Director Clements-Boyd reported Fort Wayne is planning a Fair Housing conference and HRC has received information for that.

Chairperson Dion passed literature to commissioners on bias crimes legislature, which has passed the Senate and was modified on the floor and is now in the House but the governor is not happy with the Senate version. Commissioners made revisions to the statement Chairperson Dion passed out. Commissioners want to make a statement about the bill that is before the House. It was properly moved and seconded and commissioners voted unanimously for the Human Relations Commission to submit a statement.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The director submitted her report for January.

Director Clements-Boyd reported there is an intern from University of Evansville working in the office.

**COUNSEL REPORT:**

Gary May v. Stac Art –

Counsel reported that a Conciliation agreement was sent to the Counsel for Stac Art who reported to Counsel Hussmann the client has refused to talk to her. Counsel Hussmann is not allowed to talk to client as long as there is counsel representation. The business has closed and Counsel has suggested not putting resources in pursuing any further.

Gary May v. Cork n Cleaver –

Cork n Cleaver has provided specifications that are being made to the restaurant and Counsel is hopeful that it will be finalized by March.

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

Opposing Counsel has asked for hearing dates be set for July 24-26 or August 21-23. Five Commissioners are needed for the hearing and must be present for the entire hearing. Counsel Hussmann explained the roles and duties of commissioners as hearing officers.

Mary Baker v. Delaware Trace Apartments –

A Conciliation was reached for Ms. Baker to receive \$9,900. The Counsel's recommendation to commissioners is to accept the settlement. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the recommendation of the counsel. Commissioners voted unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was properly moved and seconded to adjourn this February 2019 meeting of the Human Relations Commission.