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

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director  
Bonnie Fox

William G. Hussmann, 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.

There were no agenda requests.

It was moved and properly seconded to accept the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Commissioners voted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative (IBBHI) –  
Director Clements-Boyd reported that the IBBHI is an annual event sponsored locally by the Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African American Males which is under the umbrella of the Human Relations Commission. The director reported that this is the ninth year for the IBBHI and it was started in Evansville and is now statewide.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The director gave details of the event and reported that a Latino shop is participating this year, and Echo Health Care is partnering with the commission. Echo will provide follow up care on Monday and Tuesday following the event and will discard all the medical waste. There will be two training sessions for the volunteers, with both sessions to be held at the Community Action Program of Evansville on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 4pm. James Garrett, who is the director of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, will be in Evansville for the training sessions. Director Clements-Boyd reported that HRC is responsible to buy lunches for the volunteers, which usually totals close to \$500. It was properly moved and seconded for HRC to pay up to \$500 for the lunches from the donations account. Commissioners voted unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Fair Housing Month –

Director Clements-Boyd reported that Commissioner Carwile met with the HRC staff to help plan the Fair Housing program. Commissioner Carwile also was instrumental in getting Old National to donate \$500 for the event. The director reported that Jeffrey May of NCRC may be available as the speaker for Fair Housing Day. If he is not available Jean Ishmon who is the Vice Chair of NCRC may be available. The event is open to the public and lunch will be served. The director reported she had a conference call with HUD and HRC will get additional funding from HUD and EEOC.

Commissioner Training –

There has been no communication on the training but Director Clements-Boyd reported that more sessions for commissioner training may be added at the Indiana Consortium Conference which will be in Indianapolis June 17-20. The director reported that there are two (2) full training days, June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for staff and commissioners and additional training has been added on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The director will make the information available to commissioners when it is official. She reported the other option for commissioner training is the IAOHRA training conference August 18-22 in Orlando. There was a suggestion made to schedule training in the fall.

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

The director submitted her report for February.

### **COUNSEL REPORT:**

Attorney Hussmann passed out his report which included the following cases.

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

Counsel reported that the case is confidential until the notice for public hearing is issued. A poll was taken of the best dates for commissioners' availability for the public hearing and the dates in July were best for majority of commissioners in attendance. The director will send out the public notice for July 24-26, 2019 and Attorney Hussmann will notify opposing counsel.

Gary May v. Stac Art –

Attorney Hussmann received notice of withdrawal from the respondent's counsel, which allows him to have communication directly with the respondent. The business is no longer operating, and the charging party is not likely to withdraw the complaint.

Counsel reported a public hearing is the safest way to resolve the issue. He reported adding that to the July hearing as well. He wants to speak with the respondent again and has submitted a proposed conciliation agreement that protects the public that requires certain improvements be made in the event that the business re-opens.

Gary May v. Cork n Cleaver –  
Attorney Hussmann reported he anticipates a conciliation in April.

He reported on the various codes for Human Relations.

**COMMISSIONERS REMARKS:**

Dr. Ashley Jordan, director of the African American Museum, will speak at UE on Thursday for the History Department.

Coalition of Inner City Neighborhood (COIN) –

The annual scholarship banquet will be held on Thursday, April 25. Sheila Huff of EVSC will be the keynote speaker and Commissioner Estella Moss is the honoree. Tickets are \$20.00. The director will email to interested commissioners the phone number to RSVP.

The director extended congratulations to Chairperson Dion who was named the Iglehart Chair of Political Science at the University of Evansville.

There will be an evening with Kaliyah, an eleven-year-old author on April 7<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm at the Annex.

The University of Southern Indiana will hold the Inauguration Ceremony for Dr. Ronald Rochon on April 5, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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