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# City of Evansville – Vanderburgh County **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

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# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MARCH 23, 2016 CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307

# **MINUTES**

## **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ruby McGlown Robert Dion Tim Black Brenda Murry-Pittman Estella Moss Rick Kueber Alex Burton

# **STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director Jamila McGee

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

Roll was called with the above named commissioners and staff present.

The minutes of the February meeting were unavailable.

## **New Business:**

Election of Officers –

It was decided to start at the bottom with the nominations and vote accordingly.

Secretary -

It was properly moved and seconded and voted on unanimously for Brenda Murry-Pittman to fill the position of secretary.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman –

Commissioner McGlown accepted the office of 1st Vice Chairman by acclimation.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman –

Commissioners Black and Burton were nominated for the position with vote being taken by secret ballot. Commissioner Black won the ballot 4-2.

## Chairperson –

Commissioner Dion accepted the position by acclimation.

#### Fair Housing Month –

April is Fair Housing month and the director reported to the commissioners that there is approximately \$2,700.00 in the CDBG Block Grant funds from 2015. The director spoke with DMD Director Kelley Coures about using the funds to bring Jeffrey May, who is a national expert on fair housing planning and affordable housing for a morning and afternoon presentation. The director reported that there is a \$1,500.00 stipend and travel not to exceed \$400.00 to get Jeffrey May to Evansville. The director reported the morning presentation would be for bankers, realtors and government agencies and the afternoon would be for the general public. The director also requested funds for refreshments not to exceed \$500.00 for both meetings. It was properly moved and seconded and voted unanimously to use the CDBG funds for the fair housing month presentation and refreshments.

#### **Old Business:**

Public Hearings – Update

The director reported that phone conferences have been set up for the following week, and the hearing may be within the next six (6) months. The complainant will be represented by counsel. One of the cases has been pushed pack. The case Anderson vs. Arby's has another pre-hearing conference set for June 23, 2016.

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

The director passed out her monthly report for February 2016.

The director reported that the kick off for the Black Barbershop Health Initiative is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016 – 1:00-2:30 pm at the CK Newsome Center. The director asked that funds from the donations account, not to exceed \$350.00, be used to purchase refreshments for the event that is open to the public. It was properly moved and seconded by Commissioners McGlown and Burton and voted unanimously to use funds from the donations account to purchase refreshments.

Meeting was adjourned to 11:30 am, April 27<sup>th</sup>.