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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 301

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Estella Moss
Robert Dion
Gerald Arnold
Alex Burton
Ruby McGlown

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director
Jamila Smith

David Kent, Commission Counsel

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 March meeting were presented but due to lack of a quorum no action was taken.

New Business:

Annual Dinner – June 23, 2016

Due to scheduling conflicts with the mayor and potential speakers the date has not been confirmed.

The director has contacted the American Program Bureau for names of potential speakers. The director's first choice was Anthony Romero, Executive Director of ACLU, and he declined the invitation. She gave the names Elaine Brown, former Black Panther Party chairwoman, Marc Morial Mark Ford and Judy Smith, who are civil rights

attorneys. Tavis Smiley, Angela Davis and Johnetta Cole were also suggested. Chairman Dion suggested calling a committee meeting and to have the dinner in the fall instead of planning for June.

43rd Annual Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies Conference
June 21-24, 2016 –

The conference will start on June 22nd with a welcome reception held on the 21st. The conference on the second day will be held at Ivy Tech with the morning focus being on education. Ivy Tech will provide a continental breakfast and lunch for the conference attendees. The director has been working to get bus transportation to Ivy Tech.

Women's Equality Day –

The director has received a request for sponsorship for Women's Equality Day on August 26th at Old National Events Plaza. The request is for a non-profit table of eight (8) which includes eight (8) tickets for reserved seating at the luncheon. Donation is \$180.00, which the commission has done in the past. Due to lack of a quorum a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Public Hearings – Update

Anderson v. Arby's –

Counsel Kent reported that the hearing had been set for June 27-29, but was moved due to Consortium being the week before. The new date will likely be mid- July if there is no settlement is reached before that time. He will have to work with both attorneys calendars so he is hoping July will be a good fit.

Ross v. Shannon Glenn Apartments –

The hearing will have to be reset and he hopes to have firm dates on both at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The director passed out her monthly report for March, 2016.

Director Clements-Boyd reported on the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative (IBBHI) and the success of the event and IU Health now wants to be involved with the initiative.

The director received a call from an agency in Texas who wanted her to be aware of a local apartment complex's website whose application on the site goes against occupancy standards that HUD has set. The director reported that HRC has never been involved in a commissioner or director initiated complaint. The agency suggested sending testers out but the director will call the field office representative in Indianapolis for his advice.

The director reported the amendments made to the Good Neighbor Ordinance.

The IT department has been contacted on getting a Face Book account which may be beneficial for HRC. No answer has been received.

Meeting was adjourned to 11:30 am, May 25th.