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**COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 307**

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Dion
Ruby McGlown
Rick Kueber
Brenda Murry-Pittman

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director
Bonnie Fox

The monthly Human Relations Commission board meeting was called to order on the above date at 12:10 pm by Chairperson Robert Dion.

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

Due to absence of a quorum no action was taken on the minutes of the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sponsorship Requests –

There was a sponsorship request of support received from the Baptist Ministers & Deacons Alliance to sponsor or purchase tickets/ad for the 2017 Annual Scholarship Banquet in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event is planned for January 7th at the Old National Events Plaza and the keynote speaker is the Honorable Judge Greg Mathis. There are four (4) sponsorship levels from \$1,000 - \$2,500. Commissioners discussed the possibility of purchasing tickets at \$50.00 each and an ad.

Community Outreach –

The director presented a tentative agenda to the commissioners for 2017. She would like commissioners to look over the agenda and come together to vote on the tentative dates

she has selected as she will need to contact the various sources to arrange for meeting spaces. It was suggested that Central Library is a convenient location. Commissioner McGlown suggested including the young people in the community dialogue as well. She suggested a forum for young people (16-35) to have an open discussion on issues that concern them.

There was conversation on starting up Human Relations Clubs in the high schools. It has been done in the past and that may be something that can be done again.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Dinner –

The director reported the available 2017 fall dates that are conducive to the mayor's schedule and that of the Old National Events Plaza. The dates reported are Tuesday, September 26th, Thursday, September 28th and Tuesday, October 3rd. After a date has been chosen she will contact the Speaker's Bureau for Rev. Barber's availability. She has not received the fee for Rev. Barber.

Public Hearings – Update

Ross v. Shannon Glenn Apartments –

The hearing is scheduled for January 17-18, 2017. The director passed out information to the commissioners that may be helpful for the public hearing.

Expungement Forum –

It was reported that the forum held on October 29th at Central Library was very well attended and the presentations given were very impressionable. Sondra Matthews of Our Times Newspaper gave remarks at the forum and she reported that the expungement program was very dear to Marvaline Prince.

There was a suggestion to name the forum after Marvaline Prince.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The director presented her monthly report for October.

Director Clements-Boyd reported that the funds from EEOC and HUD are on the way.

Open Discussion on Community Issues –

One concern of the commissioners is not being heard on issues and that may be due to the commission only meeting one time a month. When something happens in the community there is no dialogue from the Human Relations Commission. The commissioners want the role of the Human Relations Commission to be vigilant locally and nationally and if there are incidents that concern discrimination the commissioners want Human Relations to be notified.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS:

Transgender Day of Remembrance will be Sunday, November 20th. The commission has issued a resolution of support the last two (2) years. It was read by Commissioner Burton last year. Since no statement has been prepared Chairperson Dion suggested changes be

made to the resolution from last year. Chairperson Dion will read the resolution from the Human Relations Commission.

Human Rights Day will be December 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

REMINDER:

December's meeting will be on the 14th at noon in room 307.

This will be Chairperson Dion's last meeting until May as he has a teaching assignment out of the country that will start in January. Let's all come out to wish him well!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!