

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2018

The Advocacy Board meeting of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission was held Monday, April 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glass called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 – Commissioners David Allgood, Reginald Glass, Arthur Patterson, Gwendolyn Pearce, and Dawn Wilson.

ABSENT: 3 – Commissioners Victor Eddie, Angelica Matos, and Aukram Burton (*all excused*).

ENFORCEMENT BOARD: None.

MINUTES

Commissioner Wilson moved to accept the March minutes as presented, Commissioners Patterson seconded. Motion passed with no discussion or objection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Human Relations' LouieStat – We spoke on the 5s Cleaning project of the agency and the Diversity Procurement project. The LouieStat went well.

Commissioner Patterson requested the Police's Budget for District 1 and 2. Kendall communicated he will see if he can get it.

- House Bills – There are several bills in Frankfort now that has specific connotation with respect to discrimination and the possibility for disparate impact. Kendall asked the Board how they would like to approach the issues. The Gang Bill will have a disparate impact on a lot of the minority youths.

- Fair Housing Month – This month is Fair Housing month and the Commission will participate in conjunction with partner organizations.

- Tuesday, April 10th – The Office of Housing and Community Development, Develop Louisville is having a Fair Housing Accessibility First meeting dealing with Disability. The meeting is all-day and will take place at the South Central Regional Library (*formerly Okolona*) at 7300 Jefferson Boulevard, across from the Jefferson Mall.
- Wednesday, April 18th – We will be co-sponsoring an event with Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) – Revitalization and Gentrification Forum. The forum will take place at the Louisville Urban League at 5:30p.m.
- Thursday, April 26th – The Lexington Fair Housing Council will hold an all-day Fair Housing Conference from 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. at University of Louisville Shelby Campus.

- Sacramento California Incident – A young man lost his life at the hands of the Police. The Chief's office is doing a wait and see approach before he decides to say anything about it.

Chair Glass commented that a Sherriff's vehicle ran over a protestor and left the scene. The protestor survived.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT *(continuation)*

- JCPS Equity Policy Meetings – Kendall Boyd reported that he has been attending the meetings regarding the Equity Policy JCPS is trying to pass. The second meeting was last week, and they will have a third and final meeting before they pass the policy with their full Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISABILITY COMMITTEE – Commissioner Allgood reported.

- Parking Placard Bill – The Bill has passed out of the House and Senate and will now go to the Governor's office to get signed. The Bill will provide more restrictions to cut down on the fraud and abuse of accessible parking placards. It will still allow one (1) free six-month temporary placard under the ADA accommodation. The second placard will cost \$10.00. The dating mechanism will be changed from a sharpie to a tamper resistant sticker.
- ADA Task Force – We will have our first ADA Mayor's Task Force meeting this Friday at 1:00p.m. Hopefully, we will get a monthly or bimonthly meeting of interested parties around disability issues with the Mayor's office. We will try to meet with Councilman Coan and Lanshima to discuss the Visitability aspect.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Commissioner Wilson reported:

- Event Calendar
 - April 9th – JCPS Professional Development – Will be doing an educational Professional Development with LGBTQ coaches along with Bobby Glass in the south end. I will be talking to coaches about what to expect.
 - April 15th – Community Conversation – Will be involved in a community conversation about pronouns and the use of pronouns at the Louisville Urban League.
 - April 16th – JCPS Professional Development – Will be doing an Administrative Professional Development.
- LGBTQ Youth Homeless Facility – The facility is for LGBTQ youth of color in the Russell neighborhood. It is a 70-bed facility and is called the Sweeting Breeze Home which is due to open by the summer, June or July. They have formed a board and has financial guarantors. A block party is in the planning stages, more information is forthcoming. The facility is located at Plymouth Congregation Church, 1630 W. Chestnut Street.
- Grow with Google Tour Event – There was a lot of push for African Americans to attend. Google is hiring and KentuckianaWorks was pushing a lot of those coming forward to be there. Google offered coding as well as several other hands-on workshops. The all-day event was free and held at the Mellwood Art Center.
- JCPS Board Meeting – Dr. Martin Pollio received a four-year contract. The Chief Equity Officer also was made equal in terms of his salary and the Public Affairs. JCPS is also looking at streamlining its bureaucracy.
- JCPS Quarterly Meeting – Communicated that it is time for another quarterly meeting with JCPS and she will get with Chair Glass and Director Boyd to come up with a plan to review some of the issues the Board has brought up.
- Gender Bathroom Use House Bill – The Bill is still stuck in Committee at this time.
- Gun Violence – Reported that she attended the Gun Violence Townhall meeting held at Crescent Hill Baptist Church. The meeting was well attended and had good information. One of the key points is that Dr. Lisa Willner called out the audience by noticing there was not many persons of color in the room and explained what students faced daily at school.

2018 EDUCATORS OF COLOR CELEBRATION

Chair Glass asked the Board if they had received Delquan Dorsey's March 30th Email requesting nomination(s). Due to Email malfunctions, the nomination deadline has been extended through Monday, April 9th. The event will take place April 20th at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage at 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. The speaker is Dr. Ricky Jones.

PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY MEETING

Chair Glass reported that the Director and he have been attending the group's public meetings and they are putting together guidelines for public arts and monuments. The diversity level has not been great at any that he has attended. Those who have been attending, many are from the Cherokee area who are very protective of the history of the monuments in their neighborhood. He encourages the Board that if they know people who has an interest in public art and the process, to encourage them to come out and be a part of the process.

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK FESTIVAL

The event will take place June 16th – 24th from 11:00a.m. – 10:00p.m. Chair Glass requested for Diniah to get in contact with them to see if the Commission can have a table at the event.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD VACANCIES

Chair Glass reported:

- A person of interest has been submitted as a candidate and has communicated to the Mayor that he would like to see more cultural diversity on the Board to fill the second slot.
- The Board may have another resignation coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS

GANG BILL

Kendall Boyd asked what will be the Board's process, the Session ends in two days? Chair Glass asked if the Commission can reach out and work with the Commissions across the state? Kendall suggested the Human Rights Commission in Frankfort and local activist groups. Martha Lawfer communicated that she has a list of all the state Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS (*continuation*)

VOTERS' EDUCATION FORUM

Stella Dorsey reported:

- The Forum will be April 19th from 6:30 – 8:00p.m. at the Louisville Urban League. The drive is to educate the community about voters' registration, and to get the public to vote.
- Going to have people speak on the issue as well as have voters' registration on-site.
- NAACP is doing the same kind of drive and have redone their website.
- Kelly is the Young People's organizer

Commissioner Allgood agreed to speak at the Forum about Disability.

It was suggested to reach out to the Americana and Immigrant Community to get the information to them.

Martha Lawfer asks how far in advance to register to vote? Commissioner Wilson noted that the registration deadline for voting in the 2018 primary election is April 23rd, the General Elections deadline is October 9th.

Stella communicated she will get with staff Zoelee to create a flyer and send it out to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diniah Calhoun
Executive Assistant