

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2017

The Advocacy Board meeting of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission was held Monday, August 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Glass called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 – Commissioners David Allgood, Reginald Glass, Kennedy Luckett, Angelica Matos (*phone*), Heather Williams (*phone*), and Dawn Wilson.

ABSENT: 3 – Commissioners Aukram Burton, Victor Eddie, and Dr. Arthur Patterson, (*all excused*).

MINUTES

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*by Martha Lawfer*)

- Staffing – Ms. Marty introduce new Staff Brooke Daugherty and Kamla Jones.
- HUD's National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA) Contract – The contract has ended and until a new agreement is reached, we will not be able to send any employees to HUD training.
- HUD Assessment – The Assessment originally scheduled for June was held at the Commission last week, August 1st and 2nd. The Assessment revealed we are doing well, and exceeded the number of cases that we completed from last year. The next Assessment will be off-site next year.
- Event Calendar:
 - September 1 – 4, 2017 – 2017 WorldFest on the Belvedere is Labor Day weekend. September 1st and 2nd we will have a table and will be asking staff and Commissioners to sign up.
 - Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – Will be our Diverse Business Fair at Fourth Street Live! from 7:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
 - Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 2017 Louisville Pride Festival will be held on Bardstown Road. The Commission will have a booth.
 - Thursday, September 21, 2017 – The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights (KCHR) will hold it *Civil Rights Hall of Fame* event. The event will be held at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. The Commission will have a table. If there are any Commissioners interested, please let Marty know.
- TIFF Project – The Commission has a new TIFF project to monitor, AC Hotel NuLu. They are having a hard time getting enough contractors to do work.

KELLIE WATSON, Mayor's Office, Chief Equity Officer

Ms. Watson provided an update to the Board on the hiring process for the Commission's Executive Director, and the Racial Equity Plan she is currently working on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISABILITY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Allgood reported that one of the members on the Committee and he will be meeting on August 22nd with Metro Council to discuss and explore the potential of getting an ordinance somehow or incentives for people that build new homes would have a zero threshold entrance, acceptable bathrooms, and wider hallways.

CROSS CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Matos reported she has met with different groups. Currently, everyone is in a freezing mode due the Administration and IMS issue on immigration. She will be meeting with a gentleman today that may help with Cross Cultural Committee; he has done a lot of work internationally.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson reported that the Committee was unable to set-up a meeting due to schedule conflicts. Commissioner Wilson reported that she has been moving on a number of items:

- Has had several meetings with JCPS to set-up trainings dealing with transgender students, LGBTQ across the board.
- On October 1st, she was asked to speak on transgender issues at the Crescent Hill Public Library.
- It is time to schedule our quarterly meeting with JCPS, and the Acting Superintendent, Dr. Martin Pollio, and requested Diniah if she would send out a note.

COMMUNITY UPDATE *(by Stella Dorsey)*

- *Kentucky Alliance Peoples' Agenda Meeting* – This is a newly formed meeting under the Kentucky Alliance's. There was a meeting held yesterday at Kentucky Alliance. Stella communicated that Dr. Martin Pollio is scheduled to meet with the Peoples Agenda; this will be their second meeting with Dr. Pollio.

OLD BUSINESS

Need volunteers for WorldFest – Chair Glass communicated to set a goal for August 20th to have all volunteers in place. Commissioner Wilson communicated she will volunteer for Friday evening and Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diniah Calhoun
Executive Assistant