

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 8 – Commissioners David Allgood (*phone*), Aukram Burton (*phone*), Victor Eddie, Reginald Glass, Kennedy Lockett, Angelica Matos, Heather Williams (*phone*), and Dawn Wilson.

ABSENT: 1 – Commissioner Joseph Mallard, Sr. (*excused*).

ENFORCEMENT BOARD: Commissioner Charles Lanier, Sr.

GUESTS

- Mrs. Yvette Gentry, *Chief of Community Building*
Mayor's Office
- Luther Brown, Jr.
Gun Safety Advocate | Little Hands, Little Feet Program

Commissioner Glass welcomed the new member Kennedy Lockett; each one present introduced him or herself to the new member and guests present.

Chair Glass asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Executive Director, Carolyn Miller-Cooper. Then asked Mrs. Gentry to provide the details on the fund she has set up for Carolyn's daughter Rachel.

Mrs. Gentry said, "In Carolyn's absence, to honor her, I have set up for Rachel a *Shield of Faith* fund at the Shield of Faith Christian Law Enforcement Association where I presently serve as Treasurer. The fund is to help Rachel at college with incidentals during this time and possibly carry her through one or more years of college. For those wanting to contribute, contribution(s) can be made out to me or to *Shield of Faith* by cash or check. When the amount reaches \$200.00, I will turn it into a check for Rachel."

Chair Glass turn the floor over to Mr. Luther Brown to speak on Gun Safety. Mr. Brown began with the 8-day Winter Camp PowerPoint Presentation done at Midwest Church of Christ of Little Hand, Little Feet Gun Safety Program. Also provided were handouts:

- **HB 527.110 Unlawfully providing handgun to juvenile or permitting juvenile to possess handgun.** Adopted 1994, put into practice 1995. This original bill was adopted by the City and County to protect our children and families. This bill is providing a gun.
- **BR 186 Sen. Neal files gun storage safety legislation (*long version*).** This bill is for how you store your gun. This version will be adopted in Frankfort in January for the 2017 Legislative Session.
- **BR 186 17RS Version. (*short version*)**

GUESTS (continuation)

After the Sandy Hook shooting, President Obama did some Executive Orders. Kentucky says a firearm is not considered a deadly weapon. Open carry became effective at that point. They passed another law in state of Kentucky that if Frankfort did not agree with Lexington or Louisville, that you could not pass any gun bill throughout the whole state unless everyone was comfortable in accepting a bill when it comes to a gun. You cannot use the word firearm anymore because it is not a deadly weapon.

Mr. Brown ended by thanking the Board for inviting him to speak on gun safety.

MINUTES

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (by Martha Lawfer)

- Actions of the Legislature – Concerns we all have are the actions of the legislature. There does not seem to be a whole lot stopping these bills, one in particular is the Bathroom Bill. The Bill has been introduced but has not been passed. The Legislature's next meeting is in February.
- Comprehensive Plan – The Plan is being revisited again this year. The meetings continue and I have been going to the Housing Committee meetings while Carolyn was involved with the Environment Committee meetings that are chaired by Dr. Kelly Pryor. I would encourage everyone to try and get involved with the Comprehensive Plan. Dinisha will send an Email with a link to the Comprehensive Plan today.
- WLOU Interview – On Thursday, December 22nd, Chair Glass and I did an interview. We talked about the Commission's work and what we are doing in the community. The interview went well.
- Louisville Compassionate Urban Development Summit – The Summit was on December 15th at the University of Louisville Department of Urban and Public Affairs. It was by invitation only, and had people from various organizations throughout the community. The Summit was very worthwhile and focused on how we can become a more compassionate community.
- Event Calendar:
 - ◇ Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – *Darwin Scholarship Program Special Presentation* – The presentation will take place at the University of Louisville Chao Auditorium, lower level Ekstrom Library from 11:00a.m. – 12:15p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Patrick Pietroni from Great Britain.
- Redlining Presentation – The Commission received approval to move forward with presenting the Redlining Presentation. We have been working with Gena Dunlap in Metro Government., Our proposed plan is to have four (4) presentations around the community dealing with redlining and how it resulted in the segregation in Louisville.
- Fair Housing Equity Assessment Lens – We will be moving forward with the Lens. The Lens is a tool that every Metro agency is required to use to examine its policies, procedures, and projects. The Lens would insure that fair housing issues are being considered when a Metro agency move forward with its project(s).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson reported,

- “There are three bills that will affect the LGBT community; two are targeted at transgender individuals and the other wants to eliminate the Fairness laws.
- Have been working with Dr. Shawna Stenton on behalf of a committee that was put together by John Marshall dealing with JCPS’s School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) policies throughout the whole JCPS system.”

COMMUNITY UPDATE *(Stella Dorsey)*

Stella communicated that there are two things she would like to make the Board aware:

- *Kentucky Alliance* – Will be staging a protest on Donald Trump’s inauguration; it is called “*Peoples Inauguration*”. Their focus is to be at Jefferson Square that morning in part, as well as looking at the Baxter Community Center that evening.
- *Black Lives Matter* – Will be holding a party in opposition of Donald Trump’s election.
- *External Agency Funding Application Submission Deadline* – January 20th is the deadline for 501(c)(3) organizations who service the community to submit their 501(c)(3) applications for money designated by Louisville Metro Department of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods. These are applications from qualified non-profits who are 501(c)(3) organizations that service our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diniah Calhoun
Executive Assistant