

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2017

The Advocacy Board meeting of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission was held Monday, June 5, 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: 5 – Commissioners David Allgood, Reginald Glass, Angelica Matos, Dr. Arthur Patterson, and Dawn Wilson (*phone*).

ABSENT: 4 – Commissioners Aukram Burton, Victor Eddie, Kennedy Luckett, and Heather Williams (*all excused*).

SPECIAL NOTE: *Commissioners Aukram Burton unable to connect via teleconference.*

MINUTES

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

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

- Staffing – A candidate has been selected for the vacant Compliance Analyst position. Compliance Officer Kevin Schaub has resigned, effective May 19th.
- GlobaLou! (Previously Americana Festival) – The Commission participated in the GlobaLou! event this past Saturday at Iroquois Amphitheatre. Marty thanked all the Commissioners who came out and volunteered.
- Annual EEOC FEPA District Meeting – Marty communicated she and Rotonia Sanford attended the Indianapolis District meeting last Wednesday, May 31st.
- HUD Assessment – The Assessment was originally scheduled June 19 – 22nd was cancelled and will be rescheduled in August.
- Event Calendar:
 - June 5 – 9, 2017 – The Investigators will be attending the National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA) in Herndon, VA.
 - September 1 – 4, 2017 – 2017 WorldFest on the Belvedere (*Admission is free. WorldFest is located at the Belvedere at 5th and Main Streets.*)
Commissioner Allgood communicated he will do Saturday morning (10:30a.m.)
 - 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 has a free table for its Commissioners. KCHR have asked the Commission to nominate J. Mansir Tydings who was the first Louisville Human Relations Executive Director, 1962 – 1967, and was also president of the Lincoln Foundation.
- Omni Walk-out – Employee had issues with their pay wage. Mark Collins researched all the pay records and could not find any issues; he found that the employees were being paid correctly.

COMMUNITY UPDATE (by Stella Dorsey)

- *Professional Standards Board* – At the last appeal hearing, Human Resources Civil Service Board changed the manner in which complainants appeal. Stella communicated that when she sends her letter to the complainants, they now have 30 days to appeal the decision that they received from the Chief. The complainants are now required to fill out a form and submit it to the Civil Service Board in order for the Civil Service Board to submit the complainant's appeal to the Police Merit Board. The Civil Service Board will review and make a determination on whether or not the complainant has a complaint.

Chair Glass suggested for Stella to draft a summary for the Board to draft a statement regarding its concern of the new process in place. Stella communicated the statement would have to go through Mark Dobbins.

- *Kentucky Alliance Peoples' Agenda Meeting* – This is a newly formed meeting under the Kentucky Alliance's umbrella which Ira Grupper is a part of the Kentucky Alliance. There was a meeting held yesterday at Kentucky Alliance. Stella communicated that she was informed that Ira Grupper is in the process of starting a program on Civil Rights and was asked to participate. Stella communicated to them that she has spoken to Marty Lawfer and Kellie Watson about having a *Voter's Education Community Information Forum*. Stella says she do plan to meet with Ira Grupper to hopefully incorporate some of what he is doing into what she is doing.
- *Community Input* – There will be a meeting at 6:30p.m. tonight at Coles's Place, 2928 W. Kentucky Street on the Mayor's support of the Chief's restructure and Body Camera issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CROSS CULTURAL COMMITTEE – No report.

DISABILITY COMMITTEE – No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson communicated that she will set-up a meeting towards the end of the month. Commissioner Patterson indicated that he would like to serve on the Education Committee.

SUMMER MEETING

The Board agreed to not meet for the month of July, the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017.

GOVERNOR BEVIN'S VISIT

Commissioner Patterson brought before the Board Governor Bevin's visit on behalf of West End Clergy, and communicated that Governor Bevin implied "*we are all Christians*". Commissioner Patterson noted he sent an Email of his concerns regarding Governor Bevin's speech to the Board members, and stated that Governor Bevin offered no solution, no funding, no hope, no support or programs. Commissioner Patterson made a request to the Board for the Commission to respond to Governor Bevin's speech in an appropriate way.

Chair Glass requested for Commissioner Patterson to put his thoughts in an Email to all the Commissioners this week.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chair Glass communicated that he would like for the Commission to give George Burney, who is in hospice, a "*Lifetime Achievement Award*". Ms. Marty communicated that the Lifetime Achievement Award is associated with the Race and Relations Conference. Dinish will research the last time the award was given.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dinish Calhoun
Executive Assistant