

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2018

The Advocacy Board meeting of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission was held Monday, March 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 – Commissioners David Allgood (*phone*), Victor Eddie, Angelica Matos Gwendolyn Pearce, and Dawn Wilson.

ABSENT: 4 – Commissioners Aukram Burton, Reginald Glass (*excused*), and Dr. Arthur Patterson, Sr., and Heather Williams.

RESIGNED: Commissioner Kennedy Luckett

MINUTES

Commissioner Matos moved to accept the February minutes as presented, Commissioner Pearce seconded. Motion passed with no discussion or objection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*by Kendall Boyd*)

- *Gender Bathroom Use House Bill* – Mr. Boyd communicated that the Board agreed with him sending an opposition letter to Frankfort with his and Chair Glass' signature. The letter will be sent out this week. Currently, there has not been any action on the Bill. Commissioner Wilson communicated that the Bill is stuck in Committee at this time.
- *Pensions* – Kendall commented that depending on how it goes, it will have a significant impact on Metro Government. We have one employee who will retire early May, and we are currently in the process of backfilling the position.
- *Minority, Female, Disability owned Enterprises* – Kendall asked the Board to Email him any ideas they have for "Minority, Female, Disability owned Enterprises" with respect to the *Procurement Process* and *Contract Compliance*.
- *Black History Month* – The Commission's "*Black History Month Daily Bread*" went well. Every day on the "My Metro" web page, there was a historical figure for black history month who was featured on the My Metro web page.

FLORIDA SHOOTING

Martha Lawfer commented that due to the shooting in Florida, there are two (2) Marches/Protests scheduled for this month, the dates are the 14th and 24th for anyone who is interested in participating.

GUEST

- Mr. Robert Kirchdorfer, Director
Louisville Metro Department of Codes and Regulations

Commissioner Wilson welcomed Mr. Robert Kirchdorfer.

Mr. Kirchdorfer thanked Commissioner Allgood and the Board for the invite, and communicated that Donald Robinson was also invited but was unable to be here due to being out of town. Mr. Kirchdorfer stated that he was invited here to provide clarification on:

- **Change of Use Requirement or Non-requirement from one business to another** – What he get out of the question is “how it ties into the accessibility requirement of the Kentucky Building Code and tie into the ADA requirements. The Kentucky Building Code is a state-wide uniform building code where no local jurisdiction can amend, it is a mini-maxi. We cannot amend the building code without by local you must go the state and try to change the code. The example Commissioner Allgood used. *“If there is an existing laundromat that is not accessible, and it closes then another laundromat moves in, then it is not a ‘Change of Use’”*. Therefore, our department through the building code requirement, if it is a construction-related and requires a permit is when Codes and Regulations get involved. However, Mr. Kirchdorfer stated that he is not going to say that that does not need to meet ADA requirements that are outside his agency’s requirement. When the ADA passed in 1991, all buildings were required to comply, that is a separate issue. When someone is changing a building to a restaurant, which would be an assembly-use group, those requirements and the building code will kick-in and also accessibility when they are touching those items to go in.

The floor opened for various questions.

- **Visitability Ordinance** – Commissioner Allgood stated that he is working with Metro Council and wanted to know what Codes and Regulations aspect was.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISABILITY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Allgood reported:

- ADA Task Force – We had our first ADA Mayor’s Task Force meeting preliminary two weeks ago. We are currently meeting for who we want to get involved in this process, what our meeting schedule will be, and how frequently we want to meet. Our next meeting will be March 21st.
- Parking Placard Bill – The Bill made it out of the House and is going to the Senate. Hopefully, the Bill will be done this session. The Bill will provide more restrictions to cut down on the fraud and abuse of accessible parking placard.

CROSS CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Matos reported the committee does not exist, no one has stepped in to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(continuation)*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wilson reported:

- The committee met and had a good discussion on where we want to take things concerning the SRO's situation regarding training.
- Commissioner Patterson will be working with the JCTA Aros Group that meets on the 4th Mondays at 6:30p.m.
- Talked about how to reach out providing programs or help people provide programs in these areas.
- We are looking at encouraging the Jefferson County School System to not only review their agreements, but to mandate the SRO training be used in every area.

OLD BUSINESS

Diniah Calhoun provided an update regarding Commissioner Williams' slot. Commissioner Wilson noted the resignation of Commissioner Kennedy Lockett and stated that the Board currently has two (2) open slots.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilson stated that there is a Homeless Shelter being planned for LGBTQ youth of color in the Russell neighborhood. They have 70 beds and are finishing completing the government permits now. They have formed a board and has financial guarantors. They will have the shelter up by June or July. The facility is located at Plymouth Congregation Church, 1630 W. Chestnut Street.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diniah Calhoun
Executive Assistant