

**LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
ADVOCACY MEETING MINUTES**

May 1, 2017

The Advocacy Board meeting of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission was held Monday, May 1, 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 (*phone*), Victor Eddie, Reginald Glass, Angelica Matos (*phone*), and Heather Williams (*phone*),

ABSENT: 4 – Commissioners Aukram Burton, Kennedy Luckett, Dr. Arthur Patterson, and Dawn Wilson (*all excused*).

SPECIAL NOTE: *Commissioners Aukram Burton, Kennedy Luckett, and Dawn Wilson were unable to connect via teleconference. Dinishah communicated she would research the issue.*

MINUTES

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

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

- *New Equity Chief* – Kellie Watson was named Equity Chief of Metro Louisville. The Human Relations Commission is one of the agencies that will be under her leadership. She will pick the Commission's Executive Director, and plans to talk with everyone for input.
- *Staffing* – We interviewed Intern candidates, and hired a young man who will begin next Monday.
- *Implicit Bias Training* – Metro trainings have begun for the Racial Equity Implicit Bias Initiative, which is required by all Metro employees. So far, nine plus one additional today makes a total of ten employees from Human Relations who has completed the training. They are considering offering training at a later date for Board members.
- *Metro on the Go* – The Commission participated in “*Metro on the Go*” on April 8th, from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m in the Park Hill neighborhood.
- *Fair Housing Panel Discussion: Renters Issues* – The Commission held its Fair Housing Month event on Thursday, April 13th at the Louisville Urban League. The event was not well attended.
Chair Glass asked if a “*Renters Forum*” could be held in the Beechmont area, possibly at the Library or the Community Center, especially areas where there are high rental rates. Marty communicated that we would look into those locations.
- *Event Calendar:*
 - May 15 – 18, 2017 – The Contract Compliance staff will be attending the B2GNow 2017 User Training in Scottsdale, Arizona.
 - Friday, May 26, 2017 – The Mayor's ADA Round Table will be held at Metro Hall at 11:00a.m. The Commission will have a table.
Commissioner Allgood communicated that he will attend the Mayor's ADA Round Table.

➤ Event Calendar (continuation):

- Wednesday, May 31, 2017 – Marty communicated she will attend the Annual EEOC FEPA District meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
 - June 19 – 22, 2017 – The Commission will be going through a HUD Assessment. The Assessment will take place here at the Commission.
 - 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. KCHR has offered the Commission a free table for its Commissioners, more details will come later. They also have asked the Commission to do an exhibit at the event which Marty communicated she will be working on.
- Board Committees – If you have not signed a form indicating your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice for a Board committee, please let Marty know.

REDLINING PRESENTATIONS

Chair Glass stated that he attended the Redlining event at YouthBuild, but had to leave towards the end due to it being outside in the heat. He thought the presentation was very good and encourages everyone to take a look at the map.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE ANNE BRADEN INSTITUTE

Chair Glass communicated that he has been serving on the Executive Director Review Committee at the Institute in Carolyn's place. The Committee has reached a stage where it is getting ready to write its report. The research was done through an online survey to faculty and community stakeholders, which did not receive a lot of response. The Committee has divided into teams and Chair Glass communicated that he has been charged with writing a report for the community's portion. He also communicated that he plans to stop by the Commission to obtain information to fill in areas where he may have gaps in terms of the Commission's participation with the Anne Braden Institute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair Glass reported that there is a document that came out of the Education Committee which needs the Board's approval to send out.

Commissioner Allgood moved for the document to be sent out, Commissioners Williams seconded. Motion passed with no discussion or objection.

CROSS CULTURAL COMMITTEE – No report.

DISABILITY COMMITTEE – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Summer Board Meetings – Chair Glass communicated the topic will be discussed at the June Board meeting.
- ❖ Upcoming Board Volunteer Events:
 - 2017 Americana GlobaLou! – Saturday, June 3, 2017 (*Previously Americana Festival, is located at Iroquois Amphitheatre*)
 - 2017 WorldFest – September 1 – 4, 2017 on the Belvedere (*Admission is free all four days of Labor Day weekend. WorldFest is located at the Belvedere at 5th and Main Streets.*)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diniah Calhoun
Executive Assistant