

Versailles Midway Woodford County Human Rights Commission

Regular Meeting – March 6, 2008 – 6:00 PM – Woodford County Courthouse

Minutes

Members present: Winfrey Adkins (WA), Ron Durbin (RD), Gary Finnell (GF), Jessie Franklin (JF), Rev. Floyd Greene (FG), Rod Hatt (RH), Lauren Hill (LH), Betsi Darden Jones (BDJ), Charlie Kahn (CK), Dean Langdon (DL), Melissa Scheier (MS), Rev. James Smith (JS)

1. Meeting called to order by RH at 6:10 (Quorum achieved)
2. Minutes presented to commissioners
 - a. Motion to accept minutes as presented by RD
 - b. Second by MS
 - c. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote
 - d. Follow-up on minutes
 - i. Still no progress on getting phone messages or locating phone
 - ii. BDJ checked on including our flyer in city water bills. We can have them inserted with April mailing. She will find out the number needed and email information to Chairman. The inserts will be due before the end of March and should *not* be folded.
3. LH made motion to print the necessary number of flyers to insert in the city water bills in April. Flyers will be 2-sided with English on one side and Spanish on the other. They will be printed on yellow paper.
 - a. Seconded by MS
 - b. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. New Commissioner introduced.
 - a. Melissa Scheier, Georgetown College political science professor
 - b. Midway appointee
5. Posters
 - a. Two Spanish translations were presented to the Commissioners
 - i. CK provided one by a WCHS student
 - ii. RH provided one by a Spanish speaker
 - b. RH provided a new version of the English flyer which includes the new logo
 - c. MS will have a Georgetown College Spanish professor make a correct version of the Spanish translation
 - d. RH will call Kentucky HRC in Louisville to see how our flyer information on smoking would be affected by change in public area smoking laws now being discussed in the county
 - i. JF reads the portion of the HUD Fair Housing pamphlet and there is no mention of smoking
 - ii. RH reiterates that this is the flyer on Civil Rights provided by the state HRC.
 - e. BDJ says that we do not want to change the text. We just need to be clear *ourselves* on what the meaning of the law is.
6. Phone Message Retrieval
 - a. Still no progress on this

- b. DL has the code to enter the voice mail and retrieve messages. He will email it to Commissioners.
 - c. Discussion of how we are to respond to complaints.
 - d. LH makes motion that all officers of the Commission will get email notification of any phone complaints.
 - i. DL seconds
 - ii. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
 - e. JF offers to check the messages. When she gets a complaint message on the voicemail she will email that message to all Commissioners. Commission will then do a cursory investigation of complaint if possible and forward information to Kentucky HRC in Louisville.
 - f. BDJ says we need a procedure to handle complaints
 - i. DL says he has started to modify Fayette County's complaint procedure and will bring that to the next meeting.
 - ii. It was decided by the Commissioners to put this discussion on the agenda of the April meeting.
 - g. BDJ makes motion to appoint JF as Phone Complaint Retrieval Administrator.
 - i. LH seconded
 - ii. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. JF pointed out that April is Fair Housing month. We have previously held a Fair Housing seminar at the Housing Authority offices. There were few attendees.
- a. We will include this project on the April meeting agenda, along with other Community Education projects:
 - i. Placing a table at the Woodford County Fair in June.
 - ii. Providing information on activities of Commission to Woodford County Ministerial Association.
 - iii. An activity for Juneteenth celebration.
8. Guest speakers for the April meeting were discussed.
- a. JF suggested John Fisher, field officer for Fair Housing Administration. He has previously provided training to the Commission.
 - b. FG suggested John Johnson, President of Kentucky HRC in Louisville. He has a great interest with our chapter, and would provide us with historical background on the mission of the HRC and how to achieve what we need to accomplish.
 - c. Chair RH directed FG to ask John Johnson or a representative to come educate the Commission at the April meeting.
 - d. RH will provide refreshments at the April meeting.
 - e. CK will contact Woodford Sun to promote public attendance at this special meeting
 - f. FG will call Kentucky HRC to see if Mr. Johnson is available to come to April meeting and contact RH with status.
9. JF will call Carmen Wilcox to see if she will be attending future meetings of the Commission.
10. New Business
- a. DL will make funding request to the three governments. He will submit a proposed budget and expense statement for previous calendar year. The budget is due on March 14th
 - b. FG says we should continue to request funds for a full- or part-time person to serve as Executive Director.

- c. FG notifies Commissioners that the state is reclaiming government funds from “dormant” accounts. DL states that since we pay monthly phone bills and PO Box rental fees that we do not fall into the “dormant” category.
 - d. DL will pass along the budget information to RD, who will let CJE Coyle look it over to ascertain feasibility.
 - e. RH will write a cover letter to explain revived activity of Commission and need for funds, in view of previous lack of activity. This letter will include an invitation to Mayor Siegelman, Mayor Bozarth, and County Judge Executive Coyle to attend the April meeting.
 - f. LH reminds all Commissioners to look at the website. There have been changes and improvements made. www.vmwchrc.org
11. DL moved to adjourn
- a. Seconded by BJH
 - b. Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote at 7:35

Minutes submitted by Charlie Kahn, secretary