

Minutes of Richmond Human Rights Commission (RHRC) Meeting

November 9, 2017

Location: City Hall, 239 W. Main St., Richmond, KY 40475

Attending Members: Pat Reister, David Johnson, Virgil Gardner, Mitch Brown, Asad Jadoon

Guests: Juan Pena, KY Human Rights Commission and Molly McKinney

Chairman Pat Reister presided over the meeting and it was called to order at 7:04pm. Chairman called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the October meeting. Commissioner Jadoon noted that in the minutes that a correction needed to be made that the RHRC terms should not be extended to 4 year terms but this was to mean to rotate positions within the HRC. Commissioner Gardner made the motion to pass the minutes but to omit number 5 in the old business notes with Commissioner Johnson second, all were in favor, minutes was then approved.

Old Business:

- **New Commission Member:** The chair wanted to let everyone know that the Mayor will meet with Molly McKinney on Monday November 13, 2017 and might installed for December meeting.
- **Christmas Parade:** Commissioner Johnson reminded everyone that the parade will be December 1st and will line up at AC on EKU's campus. Will inform everyone of parade position.
- **Article of Disability and Equal Housing Access:** Chair mentioned for Commissioner Secchio to get with the Richmond Register on the article.
- **2018 Unity Breakfast:**
 - Date: MLK Day on January 15 from 9am to 11am with unity march after event
 - Commissioner Brown will get with United Methodist on use of facility
 - Chairman Reister said the EKU food service called and said that they will give \$2600 towards the breakfast which will serve around 260 people. Chairman noted that attendance might be near 300 which then the RHRC would need to contribute towards the breakfast. The menu will be the same as last year.
 - Scotty Saltsman Award was discussed and was recommended that Commissioner Secchio get the article published for nominations for this award.
 - Commissioner Brown suggested that we send the Madison County NAACP a formal request to help lead us in the march and he will obtain the marching permit. The march will be the same as last year.
 - Commissioner Johnson said that the speaker will be Judge Brandy Brown and needs to have exact location to inform her of the event.
 - Commissioner Jadoon will use the same format as last year for invitations for guests
 - Commissioner Brown will check with Randy Rosenbalm for WBON-TV for coverage of the event.
 - Commissioner Brown brought up an idea to give away an award for middle school students in Richmond in regards to MLK and human rights. Commissioner Jadoon

questioned the thought due to have two awards on the same day. The RHRC did not take any action at this time regarding this subject.

Window Cling Distribution: Molly McKinney group at ECU will start distributing them.

- **City Provided Office Space:** Chair said that Commissioner Secchio has the access to the space and the RHRC is awaiting the tour of office space

New Business & Complaints:

- **Treasurer's report:** Not due at this time
- **Upcoming events:** Richmond's Annual Christmas Parade
- **Complaints:** Commissioner Secchio said there were no complaints. The chair then recognized Juan Pena from Frankfort in regards to past complaints filed. Mr. Pena noted that once the complaint is filed with the state that the RHRC is not updated on the status of the complaint and that the case is now between the complaintant and the State of Kentucky.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Gardner, second by Commissioner Johnson. All in favor and meeting ended at 8:14pm and the next meeting will be December 14, 2017 7pm at same location.

David Johnson, Vice Chairman