

**Minutes of Richmond Human Rights Commission (RHRC) Meeting
October 12, 2017**

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

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

GUESTS: Mayor Barnes, City Manager Thomas

Chairman Pat Reister presided over the meeting and it was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Chairman called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the September meeting. Being none, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Brown and a second by Commissioner Gardner. All were in favor, the minutes were approved.

The mayor requested that RHRC use roll call for attendance.

He mentioned that Dr. Molly McKinney's request for the open seat would be addressed next week, but Dr. Ali's has been withdrawn.

Old Business:

- Discussion took place about proposed 2012 RHRC school club program "Teen Ambassadors" and taking this forward. The Mayor expressed that we could invite the clubs/students to attend our meetings, but not go into their environment to mentor them as city reps, only as individual citizens.
- As regards our proposed donation to cover some of Michael Parkers funeral costs, the city attorney says that under Public Purpose Spending practices, this cannot be done.
- The assignment of handing out clings through Beta Sigma Gamma (Dr. McKinney's suggestion) has not yet been confirmed.
- Our new laptop donated by the city has been prepared for use and should be shared by all for education and growth.
- Discussion re: voting officers in every 2-3 years , we will examine By-laws next time and vote to re-word the rule on 4 year terms.
- RHRC now has access to space in the Mayors office. Debbie will have a badge for access and will have city server cable for laptop.
- UNITY BREAKFAST: January 15, 2018....Commissioner Brown suggests we ask UMC to host event due to needing a larger room than last time. Judge Brandy Brown will be our speaker.

New Business & Complaints:

- Treasurer's Report: same as last month, except one expense; microphone for recording meetings
- Christmas Parade 12-1-17, we'll use Commissioner Gardner's truck this year.
- ECU Diversity breakfast was attended by Commissioner Brown and his wife. Networking

with other organizations that may join us to do our own diversity event.

- No complaints. Commissioner Secchio will continue to carry mobile phone.
- Events: Library Know It All Festival was attended by Commissioner Reister, set up display table.
- Chair will do a write up for Register on disabilities awareness and include a paragraph on Michael Parker's passing.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Secchio, second by Commissioner Gardner. All in favor. Next meeting November 9, 2017 at 7 PM .

Debbie Secchio, Secretary