

**Minutes of Richmond Human Rights Commission (RHRC) Meeting
February 8, 2017**

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

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

Guest: Juan Pena

Chairman Michael Parker presided over the meeting and it was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the January meeting. Being none, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gardner and a second by Commissioner Jadoon. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Review of Unity Breakfast: Everyone was happy with event, 287 people were fed!! EKU President Benson stated he will continue sponsoring the breakfast!! Juan stated we are the only HRC to hold a Unity breakfast although Fayette Cty has a MLK Jr. Breakfast.
- Window Clings: The larger corporate businesses have policies against accepting these, so we will work on small businesses. If a business takes a cling, we send an email notifying everyone. Commissioner Secchio will contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if there is a luncheon meeting she can attend to promote use of the clings.

New Business & Complaints:

- State report: Headquarters still low on manpower. Total employees 18, with 7 enforcement officers. Interns are helping with the work. State is planning conference with the Fair Housing Commission in Frankfort later this year. We will be notified and attend.
- Scholarship preparation: We decided to offer a \$1000 scholarship this year. The criteria are that the student has taken some action to help another person in the area of discrimination and can explain a facet of discrimination well in their essay. Perhaps tie their future career to helping prevent discrimination. Commissioner Jadoon will write the requirements and get them out to the 3 high schools.
- Report to City Commission: Chair will prepare including number of inquiries last year. Last format found was 2007 report.
- No new complaints were registered.

Upcoming meetings & events:

- None

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on March 8, 2017 at 7 PM at the same location.

At the conclusion of the business, it was motioned by the chair at 8:30 PM to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was concluded.

Debbie Secchio
Secretary