

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 25, 2017

Attendance

Commissioners: Bob Howden, Willie McAdory, George Morgan, Sean Calhoun, Tony Logue and Amy Danzer

Staff: Joe Aguglia and Wayne Harbison

Commission Members Not in Attendance

Tracy Leet cannot be at the meeting. No reason was known.

Connie Manus cannot be at the meeting because she is ill and unable to participate for the month of July.

The position from Jay Brenneman on the Commission is still open.

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

Approval of Minutes

Sean Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes from June. This was seconded by George Morgan. They were approved unanimously.

Directors Report

The testing report, revised with input from three commission members, will be distributed by Joe Aguglia to City and County Councils, the County Executive and the Mayor tomorrow. It was agreed that Joe Aguglia will inform the entities to which it will be sent that the report will be sent to the media two weeks from the date it is sent to the political entities listed above.

The fair housing testing in Millcreek is done and the report has been received. Joe Aguglia will summarize it and send both the summary and the full report (which we hope to receive in electronic form) to the commission members.

Joe Aguglia expects to meet with Doug Smith about the budget sometime in August prior to the discussions taking place with County Council in September. No changes are expected.

New Business

Funding for commercials has been received. Given that it is only \$8,000, it was suggested that we use different media than we had used in the past which had been TV and radio commercials and the Erie Reader. It was felt that looking into local publications in the county such as the Corry Journal, North East Breeze, Albion newspaper, etc. would allow us to reach audiences we had not yet reached. Although social media was suggested as a very cost effective medium, Joe Aguglia stated that there are a number of rules and regulations in place at the County concerning social media that would make using facebook, twitter and other social media platforms quite difficult.

National Night Out is August 1. Given the list attached to the agenda, it was suggested that the following locations would be attended by the following people:

- Academy Neighborhood – Amy Danzer

- Boys & Girls Club – Charlotte Scalise
- Gridley Park (where Erie Together is having an event) – George Morgan
- Housing Authority – Joe Aguglia
- Millcreek – Bob Howden (and maybe Tony Logue)
- Union City – Wayne Harbison

Advisory Board members will be asked to volunteer for other locations as well.

George Morgan and Tracy Leet, both of whom work in Edinboro, may be able to attend the Edinboro Block Party on September 7 beginning at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

The brochure was felt to be of a higher priority in getting printed than coloring books for kids at the National Night Out. It will again be distributed to commission members and hopefully it can be printed prior to August 1 so it can be handed out that night.

Doug Smith does not remember getting the proposed changes drafted in January. Joe Aguglia will send them to him again and cc commission members so the new commission members may have that document. Doug Smith will then immediately give them to County Council for their review.

Celebrate Erie is August 18-20. We need people to volunteer from noon to seven on Friday, ten to seven on Saturday and noon to five on Sunday.

Public Comment or Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Tony Logue moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by George Morgan and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.