

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes- March 20, 2018

Attendance

Commissioners: Bob Howden, George Morgan, Sean Calhoun, Tony Logue, Willie McAdory, Connie Manus, Amy Danzer, Tracy Leet

Staff: Charlotte Scalise, Wayne Harbison, & Joe Aguglia

Commissioners Not in Attendance

Councilman Carl Anderson has not yet appointed a representative to the board

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

Notes

- Director's Report
 - Joe Aguglia reported on the status of the revisions to the HRC Ordinance. County Council Chairman Kyle Foust told Joe that it is Foust's intention to have Council take a final vote on the revisions sometime in April. The county solicitor, Atty. Talarico, is still reviewing the changes and may be making some language and content revisions. Once Joe receives those revisions, he will email them to all Commission and Advisory Board members for review. Comments from members should be sent back to Joe ASAP.
- New Business
 - Charlotte Scalise told the Commission that fair Housing education is being set to start in the near future. The first seminar in the city will be next month in correlation with Fair Housing Month. It will be held April 25th at the Blasco Library. Further, they explained that they are expected to host seminars in Edinboro (May) and North East (June). Charlotte Scalise and Bob Howden volunteered to contact local newspapers and community news outlets to get the word out to residents in the County. Additionally, HUD and NorthWest Legal Services will be asked to present at the seminars.
- Old Business
 - It was reported that the brochure is expected to be completed in the early summer, with a more specific estimation of June or July.

- Public Comment
 - Bob Howden thanked and congratulated George Morgan for his service to the Commission, as his term has been completed. George Morgan appreciated the sentiment, but was curious to know where the Commission was at in the process of publishing the results of the housing study. Bob Howden was under the impression that the Commission already voted to recommend having the results released. Willie McAdory wanted a brief summary of what Mr. Brendel spoke on at last month's HRC meeting. Tracy Leet and Sean Calhoun explained it to him but assured Mr. McAdory that nothing was officially accomplished because there was not a quorum. Willie McAdory asked if the Commission would be willing to come up with some solutions in regards to the article on racial disparity in the city. Bob Howden asked the Commissioners to bring some solutions to the April meeting. Bob Howden to asked Sean Calhoun to call Councilman Anderson to inquire about him filling his vacant seat on the HRC. Sean Calhoun said that he had asked Councilwoman Fatica to bring it up to Mr. Anderson last week, but that he would be happy to call if no response was given. George Morgan assured Bob Howden that Councilman Horton is aware of Mr. Morgan's term expiring and he expects Mr. Horton to fill the vacancy immediately.

Commissioners adjourned at 7:16pm