

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Meeting

Minutes/Notes – July 23rd 2019 draft

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by Commission Chairperson Shawnta Pulliam-Brown at 6:02 PM.

Commission Members Present: Shawnta' Pulliam-Brown (Chair.); Christine Mitchell (Sec.); Tracy Leet; Willie McAdory; and John Steiner, Mary Jo Campbell (V-Chair).

Commission Members Not Present: Melonie Jackson, Connie Manus and Mike Martin.

ECHRC Staff Present: Tony Logue, Wayne Harbison Brian Spry and Charles Sunwabe.

City Council Kathy Schaff

Approval of Commissioners Minutes / Notes:

The Minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting was approved by the Commissioners Motioned by Commissioners Campbell and Steiner.

Guest / Public Comment(s): Kathy Schaff was glad to attend

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):

Welcome to new commissioner John Steiner.

Chair Pulliam-Brown discussed the state of the commission when she started and how it has improved and commended Director Logue. She also discussed commissioner responsibility and requested annual budget, quarterly financial statements first in September and open cases.

Director Logue indicated we are on a calendar year and that statements are received financials county council driven but will be sent to commissioners. He recommended a bylaws commission and a case summary will be provided without personal/names details. Chairwoman Pulliam-Brown stated we are reviewing the current bylaws before making any changes.

PSA's have been airing. Chairwoman Pulliam-Brown requested that we work with the advisory board for a marketing plan to expand our publicity and awareness.

Commissioner Campbell recommended a meet and greet and the directr and staff can support that if we proceed with that.

We discussed National Night out 6-8 on August 6th. We will be at Emmerson-Gridley and McKinley.

The state commission will return in September/October time frame since there was not sufficient time in the last visit for community comment.

Director's Report:

Director Logue. Director Logue acknowledged his staff person Wayne and Attorney Spry. Director Logue updated the Commissioners about the expansion/update of the ECHRC office. We are in the new office and it looks very good. Remaining items should be cleaned up by the next meeting. We currently have 11 active cases. We will be having negotiations in our new offices. They are preparing a motion to dismiss on a case due to petitioner waiting over a year for file.

National night out will be a good publicity event. Millcreek schools activities with Dr Stoops from the advisory board and preparing a student/youth commission.

All 11 cases are actively being worked.

Old Business:

Attorney Spry discussed the cases and that there are several cases coming for negotiation/fact finding shortly. He will let us know when any responses/action is needed.

New Business We discussed obtaining promotional items for events to draw attendance. Attorney Spry/Commissioners Campbell and Mitchell volunteered to participate in the marketing committee.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by commissioners Campbell and Leet and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.