

Erie County Human Relations Commission (ECHRC) – Commissioners Meeting

Minutes/Notes – May 26th 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The Meeting was called to Order by Commission chair Shawnta Pulliam-Brown via conference call at 6:00 PM.

Commission Members Present: Shawnta Pulliam-Brown (Chair) Mary Jo Campbell (V-Chair) Christine Mitchell (Sec.); Connie Manus, Tracy Leet, Mike Martin.

Commission Members Not Present: John Steiner, Willy McAdory.

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

City Council Liason: Kathleen Schaaf County Council Ellen Schauerma Advisory Board Freda Tepfer Doug Smith

Approval of Commissioners Minutes / Notes:

The Minutes of the May 5th Meeting approved by the Commissioners Motioned by Commissioners Leet and Campbell.

Guest / Public Comment(s): Kathy Schaaf apologized for interruption during the advisory board meeting and briefly mentioned city response to homelessness.

Chair Report / Commissioners Comment(s):

The chair clarified conference call etiquette and procedure for any disruptive callers. Also hoping everyone is well. Commissioner Michael Martin strongly objected to any potential sunshine law violations and wanted to ensure public opportunity to participate in all meetings via phone. Sonya Byes offered assistance from HRC advisory board to work on the publicity flyer. Discussion of Dr. Stoops school program. Wayne will reach out about the commercials. They were close to ready before the pandemic to our understanding. Special meeting to be held June 3rd 4 p.m on the annual report. Also still pursuing with the state HRC with the Cov19 situation we need to pursue alternative ideas with them.

Director's Report:

Director Logue.. Next commission meeting is 6-23-2020.

Disruption to the office due to Cov19 need video tools like zoom and requested smart tv. Need better tools to get fact finding and hearings scheduled. Discussed meetings - Possibly meeting in county council chambers. Another recommendation is zoom should hear from Mr. Smith next week. Discussed executive committee special meeting will review and include all commissioners as needed.

Updates on cases. Need hearing dates scheduled once we make these arrangements. Attorney Sunwabe discussed cases 3 need scheduled for timing.

Old Business:

New Business

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn by commissioners Campbell and Leet and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32PM.