

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
June 10, 2013
5:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 5:53 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

Members Present: Chair Jody Cofer Randall, Linda Cherry, Paula Compton, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Munke, Connie Payne, Jane Shoemaker

Members Absent: Dr. Brian Clardy, Tung Dinh

Staff Present: Mayor Bill Wells, City Clerk June Batts

Others in Attendance: Edward Marlowe, *Murray Ledger and Times*,

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and the meeting began at 5:53 p.m.

Ms. Payne stated that she had received positive feedback for the Commission's efforts in recent activities including the Town Hall Meeting and free showings of the movie "Bully."

Minutes of the Murray Human Rights Commission's May 6, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Pittman-Munke moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker. Chair Cofer Randall called for discussion. After no discussion, Chair Cofer Randall called for a voice vote in which all members present were in favor of the motion.

Old Business: Chair Cofer Randall stated that it had been a busy month and there was no update regarding the Human Rights Ordinance. He said members could expect a follow up at the July meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall stated that Commission members had just met for a 1 ½ hour discussion with representatives from Henderson, Kentucky (Jan Hite, Henderson Mayor Pro Tem; Jennifer Keach, Henderson County SchoolBoard; Darlene Marshall-Ware, Jeff Gregory, Tammy McNear, Henderson, Kentucky Human Rights Commission Members; Darrell Daigle, Executive Director of Academic Services for Henderson County Schools) and Dr. Allan Beane, Bully Free Systems, LLC. regarding the Commission's Bully Free Community Education Campaign. He said the Murray HRC would remain in contact with the Henderson group and contact information would be distributed.

Chair Cofer Randall stated that one item for members to focus on would be initiatives that can be undertaken in the Murray business sector to address bullying beyond school environment. He said Mr. Hopkins of Cheri Theatres might be a business leader willing to partner with the Commission in talking to other business leaders about the campaign. Dr. Pittman-Munke stated that a focus group comprised of business leaders sensitive to the issue might be able to provide guidance. Commissioners discussed other groups including Mr. Dinh's business, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club. Mayor Wells stated that the Rotary's Executive Board would be the best place to start and stated that he would be happy to represent the Commission

at the meeting. Mayor Wells invited Ms. Shoemaker to attend the July 8th meeting at 12:00 p.m. at Pagliai's Restaurant.

Chair Cofer Randall stated that the next HRC meeting was scheduled for July 1, but could be moved to July 8th to review the results of the Rotary Executive Board Meeting and discuss future activities/action. The HRC discussed the matter and decided to schedule the meeting for July 8th. Chair Cofer Randall stated that prior to the July 8th meeting, he would contact John Hopkins of Cheri Theatres, and Lisa Satterwhite at the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would be interested in partnering with the Commission and/or recommend other business owners who might be interested in partnering with the Commission in the campaign.

Chair Cofer asked for comments from the Commission. Mayor Wells stated that he believed Mr. Dinh would be a good spokesperson for the anti-bully campaign, if he would participate and said that he would defer to the pleasure of the Commission concerning the matter. The Commission discussed the issue. Mayor Wells stated that he would invite Mr. Dinh personally to the next meeting and if he did not attend, he would send a letter to excuse him from the Commission, in order for another commissioner to be appointed. Dr. Pittman-Munke stated that if Commission membership were too great a commitment, Mr. Dinh's service to the Commission in another capacity might be more appealing and should be extended by the Mayor on behalf of the Commission. Commission members discussed the issue further.

Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Compton. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.