

**MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**October 14, 2013**  
**4:00 P.M.**

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 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, Dr. Brian Clardy

**Members Absent:** Tung Dinh

**Staff Present:** Mayor Bill Wells, Matt Mattingly

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

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and the meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

**Old business:**

The Minutes of September 9th, 2013 were presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker motioned** to accept the minutes as presented; **seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Jody Cofer Randall presented copies of the October Bullying Prevention and Character Counts Month proclamation. Commission members discussed the Anti-Bully Community Education Program activities including Character Counts collaboration, the anti-bully logo on 68/80 billboard and at Cheri Theatre, Dr. Beane's videos on community access channels, MSU Athletics commercial filming, purchasing copies of Dr. Beane's books for waiting rooms in local businesses.

Chair Cofer Randall presented to members a Bullying Prevention Pledge for Business Owners drafted by Dr. Beane. Commission members discussed implementation of the pledge and emblems for businesses.

Commission members discussed a second attempt at presenting the anti-bully initiative to the faith-based community at the November commission meeting. Chair Cofer Randall stated that phone calls to faith-based leaders would be made in preparation; Dr. Pittman-Munke stated she would assist.

Commission members discussed presenting a session at the upcoming CLUE conference at Murray State University, and hosting a community gathering of western Kentucky municipal leaders to facilitate the replication of the Murray Human Rights anti-bullying campaign in the surrounding area.

Dr. Clardy entered the Council Chambers.

Chair Cofer Randall recognized Matt Mattingly who stated that the Human Rights Ordinance was given to City Attorney, Warren Hopkins, and was awaiting his comments concerning potential revisions. Chair Cofer Randall presented information regarding the *Just Fund Kentucky* event in Lexington, composed of a variety of municipal leaders, who discussed cities' efforts to update their Human Rights Ordinances. He said the mayor of Frankfort offered materials that he would forward to Commission Members.

Chair Cofer Randall presented information regarding the Fair Housing Forum for which he participated as a panelist at the request of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

Chair Cofer Randall recognized Dr. Pittman-Munke who reported on the Families and Youth Conference she attended at the invitation of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

Chair Cofer Randall proposed the Commission sponsor the MLK Day Community Breakfast, organized by Alpha Phi Alpha, at the same level as last year (\$150.00). **Ms. Payne moved; seconded by Dr. Clardy.** All members present were in favor of the motion.

#### **New Business:**

Chair Cofer Randall invited Ms. Shoemaker, Ms. Cherry, Dr. Pittman-Munke, and Dr. Clardy to form a subcommittee to address issues related to Poverty. He asked Ms. Shoemaker and Ms. Cherry to co-chair the committee, and asked committee members to meet prior to the November HRC meeting. He stated it was not an end to the anti-bullying campaign.

Chair Cofer Randall invited comments from the Commission.

Ms. Cherry stated that as all commission members were participants when history was made with the signing of the Anti-Bully/Character Counts Proclamation, she requested all members sign a copy of the proclamation.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the next Commission meeting was scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Clardy.** The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.