

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
August 11, 2014
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers of City Hall with Chairperson Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Matt Mattingly, June Batts

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Minutes of July 14, 2014 were presented for approval. **Dr. Pittman-Munke motioned** to accept the minutes as presented; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Old business:

Chair Cofer Randall stated the Human Rights Ordinance was progressing. More information should be available for the Commission in the coming months.

Chair Cofer Randall said Ms. Shoemaker would be stepping back from her duties on the Committee on Poverty to focus on other commitments.

New business:

Chair Cofer Randall said Dr. Eaton would bring the Minimum Wage presentation to the City Council. Members discussed the presentation. Chair Cofer Randall will represent the Commission at the Council meeting and answer any questions that could arise.

Chair Cofer Randall stated Dr. Clardy submitted his resignation as Human Rights Commission Treasurer and member effective immediately by email. Chair Cofer Randall said it was necessary to generate a list of possible appointments for Mayor Wells' consideration and requested members submit possible candidates by the end of the week.

Chair Cofer Randall stated a new treasurer was needed and asked for volunteers. Dr. Pittman Munke stated she would serve as treasurer. **Ms. Cherry moved** to elect Dr. Pittman Munke as Treasurer for the Human Rights Commission; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Chair Cofer Randall invited member issues. Chair Cofer Randall shared that Dr. Davies, President of Murray State University, was supportive of a partnership with the HRC and other community groups for diversity and human rights.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the next Human Rights Commission meeting was scheduled for September 8th at 4:00 p.m. and the Bully Prevention/Character Counts joint proclamation signing was scheduled for September 25th at 1:30 p.m. The Chair also invited members to a diversity program to be held on September 16th.

Members discussed revisiting a partnership with Murray State University Athletics Department on the Anti-Bullying Campaign. The Chair will follow up.

With no other business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker moved** to adjourn; seconded by **Dr. Pittman-Munke**. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Dr. Pittman-Munke gave a presentation on *Issues Confronting Individuals with Disabilities*.

Chair Cofer Randall invited member issues/comment. Hearing none, the Chair stated that at a prior meeting that day, the MSU President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion prioritized forming partnerships with the City and entities in the City to increase diversity awareness and efforts community wide. Chair Cofer Randall said the President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion was supportive of the HRC's Issue Hearings and may host/partner with HRC efforts in the future. The Chair reminded members the next Human Rights Commission Meeting was scheduled for July 14th.

With no further business before the Commission, **Dr. Clardy motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.