

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
September 8, 2014
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 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, Jessica Evans

Members Absent: Linda Cherry, Tung Dinh

Staff Present: Mayor Wells, June Batts

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The Chair introduced the Human Rights Commission's new member, Jessica Evans. Chair Cofer Randall shared Ms. Evans is particularly interested in the Commission's work on poverty.

The Minutes of August 11, 2014 were presented for approval. **Ms. Payne moved** to accept the minutes as presented; **seconded by Dr. Pittman Munke**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Old business:

Chair Cofer Randall stated efforts were underway to revive the anti-bully video campaign joint project between the HRC and MSU. Chair Cofer Randall said Steve Harrell, the new associate athletics director, was very receptive to MSU athletes and coaches being featured in 30 second anti bullying clips (scripted by Dr. Beane) to be shown during games, on the web, etc. MSU Digital Media Services will provide filming free or almost free, keeping the cost of production low. MSU Athletics is preparing some figures for the Commission to see the financial equivalent to their in-kind contribution to this effort. Their in-kind comes, in part, from providing spots to broadcast the clips using their streaming technology. Commission members discussed commercials, video content, and possible sponsors.

Chair Cofer Randall said the Committee on Poverty had no action since the last HRC meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the Human Rights Ordinance was progressing. The Chair and Mr. Mattingly will continue efforts to prepare a draft ordinance for the Commission to review in the coming months.

New business:

Chair Cofer Randall said volunteers were needed to carry a banner, drive a car, and hand out candy during the Homecoming Parade on October 11th. Members volunteered/discussed various parade tasks.

Chair Cofer Randall invited member comments/issues.

Ms. Evans stated a recent protest at MSU was met with racist comments on Yik Yak, a popular social media site. Members discussed possible actions by the Commission, diversity training, and ways to reach the segment(s) of the community most affected by the issue.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the Issue Based LGBT Hearing scheduled for October 13 could be postponed and the topic for that meeting could be race relations in Murray. Members discussed possible invitees to the meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the next Human Rights Commission meeting was scheduled for October 13th. All members were invited to an MSU diversity event on September 16th and the Anti-Bullying/Character Counts proclamation signing on September 25th.

With no other business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker moved** to adjourn; seconded by **Dr. Pittman-Munke**. All members present were in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.