

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
March 9, 2015
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015, 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, Linda Cherry, Jessica Evans, Doris Saunders

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

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

Old business:

Members discussed the Commission's vacancy and whether a representative from Calloway County Schools should fill Ms. Payne's unexpired term. It was determined that Chair Cofer Randall would reach out to Mr. Steve Hoskins, Superintendent of Calloway County Schools, to consider submitting nominations. It was understood that the position is not designated for Calloway County Schools, but unofficially the Commission supported that role being filled by someone from the county school system.

The Minutes of February 9, 2015, were presented for approval **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Ms. Pittman Munke.** All members present were in favor of the motion.

Chair Cofer Randall presented the draft awareness document regarding proposed changes to the Human Rights Ordinance to educate the public and offer free training. Chair Cofer Randall said the training component needed to be moved to May, with an attorney coming from Louisville. Chair Cofer Randall has requested City Attorney, Warren Hopkins, to be in attendance.

Members discussed possible content and layout revisions to the draft Awareness brochure, proposed changes to the City's ordinance as it relates to the state Civil Rights Act, and elements of the planned training component. Members discussed target groups/business for the training component.

Ms. Cherry moved to make editorial changes to the draft Awareness document and create a second "Did You Know" format document. **Dr. Pittman-Munke seconded** the motion; all members voted in favor of the motion.

New business:

Chair Cofer Randall asked if the Poverty Committee had any upcoming activity. Committee members stated they have been conducting research and gathering information, but requested direction from the Commission.

Commission members discussed the focus of the Poverty Committee—populations, solutions.

Chair Cofer Randall requested the Committee give a presentation of current data to help members decide what the focus should be for the committee. Chair Cofer Randall indicated Ms. Shoemaker chairs the Council/MSU Committee and could help with any specific questions question as to how this work relates to the University.

Chair Cofer Randall reminded Members of the next scheduled meeting on April 13th which would include a presentation from the Poverty Committee. The members were reminded of upcoming diversity events:

MSU LGBT Programming Film Series (Free Admission)

MSU Curris Center Barkley Room

- *Pariah* - March 9, 2015 7:30 p.m.

MSU Curris Center Theater

- *deepsouth* – March 30, 2015 7:00 p.m.

MSU Curris Center Theater

With no further business before the Commission, **Dr. Pittman-Munke motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.