

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 11, 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: June Batts

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

Old business:

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

Members discussed the Commission's Human Rights Ordinance Awareness Document for distribution in the community prior to the upcoming business and community training event.

New Business:

Chair Cofer Randall listed details of the Human Rights Business and Community Forum, scheduled for May 27th. She said the forum would last from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., was free, and participants could register online. Chair Cofer Randall stated she was working with the state Human Rights attorney to tailor the Business and Community Training to Murray's proposed ordinances revisions.

Chair Cofer Randall said a separate general training opportunity, not associated with the ordinance revision, would be held for Commission members only. She said a light lunch would be provided. She said a press release would need to be created and encouraged members to spread the word.

Chair Cofer Randall asked members to consider creating (and perhaps serving in) a vice chair position, as authorized by the Human Rights Ordinance. She said the position would facilitate meetings in the chair's absence and also to handle special projects as Commission work expands.

Dr. Munke gave a status report on the Committee on Poverty's current projects. She said many below or at the poverty line had completed high school and they were currently exploring reasons why people with the tools for success still struggled. She said the Committee was in the process of assembling a panel of business leaders to identify roadblocks to attaining and maintaining full time employment and career planning.

Chair Cofer Randall reminded Members of the next scheduled meeting on June 8th which would include a panel discussion facilitated by the Poverty Committee.

Chair Cofer said she was unaware of any upcoming diversity events.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Cherry**. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.