

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

January 11, 2016

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday January 16, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

Members Present: Chair Jody Cofer Randall, Vice Chair Jessica Evans, Paula Compton, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Pittman-Munke, Jane Shoemaker, Linda Cherry, 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 December 14, 2015, were corrected and presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke.** All members voted aye.

Dr. Pittman-Munke said she planned to meet with Ginny Harper, Calloway County Extension Agent, in the next month and should have a report in February.

Chair Cofer Randall said Ms. Evans' Red Flag Campaign partnering requests to Chief Liles which went unanswered. Chair Cofer Randall said she would follow up with Chief Liles.

Chair Cofer Randall directed members' attention to a Planning Calendar Ms. Evans created and distributed through email. Ms. Evans expounded on the events/dates listed. Members discussed a movie event, signature event with an awards element, and a training event. It was agreed Dr. Pittman-Munke would lead the training issue/hearing with Ms. Saunders' and Ms. Compton's assistance. It was also agreed Ms. Evans would head up the logistics of the signature event, with Chair Cofer Randall, Ms. Shoemaker, Ms. Compton, and Ms. Cherry assisting with the awards, sponsorship, logistics, and programming components.

Members discussed the current vacancy, the potential for extending commission membership to county residents and the possibility of additional members. Chair Cofer Randall shared that currently individuals must live within city limits to serve on the HRC, but that is something the Commission could explore requesting to be changed if that is important. Members expressed interest in exploring a hybrid model for the Commission similar to some other cities and counties with human rights commissions.

New Business

Chair Cofer Randall said the next HRC meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2016, and upcoming events included the MLK, Jr. Day Breakfast on January 18th, at 8:30 a.m., the MSU Presidential Lecture,

featuring MLK III, at Lovett Auditorium on February 8th, at 8:00 p.m. and the African American Reading in the Tennessee Room of the MSU Curris Center on February 15th at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business before the Commission, **Dr. Pittman-Pittman-Munke motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.