MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION February 8, 2016 4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday February 8, 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, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Pittman-Munke, Jane Shoemaker, Linda Cherry, Doris Saunders

Members Absent: Paula Compton

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 January 11, 2016, were corrected and presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke.** All members voted aye.

Dr. Pittman-Munke said conflicting schedules prevented members from meeting regularly or with Ginny Harper, however, work on the game project continues.

Chair Cofer Randall said she planned to communicate with Mayor Rose regarding the City's involvement with the Red Flag Campaign (community training component). She circulated copies of the updated HRC 2016 Planner created by Ms. Evans.

Ms. Evans stated the Planner was intended as a working document and said the signature event, tentatively scheduled for October, and was open to suggestions, She said she was willing to start calling for a venue and pricing and requested commissioners start working on sponsorship and other components of the event. Members discussed the awards component. Chair Cofer Randall said once a date was locked down, other components would be easier to plan and organize. Members decided on October 6th.

New Business

Ms. Evan stated she and the Red Cross Executive Director for Calloway County discussed pairing the HRC Awareness week planned in April with the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign (promoting smoke detectors in the home). Members discussed partnering with other local organizations including Needline, CASA, Soup for the Soul, Gentry House to increase visibility.

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

Members discussed tiny houses as a solution to the lack of affordable housing Murray. Chair Cofer Randall requested the Poverty Committee follow up with the recommendation by researching zoning issues and funding availability.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Pittman-Pittman-Munke.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.