

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

April 25, 2016

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session (rescheduled) on Monday April 25, 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-Munke, Linda Cherry, Doris Saunders, Jane Shoemaker

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 March 23, 2016, were presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke.** All members voted aye.

Vice Chair Evans presented an overview of Human Rights Commission Awareness Week activities which had occurred April 17 – 23 (flyer attached). She said an essay contest was open to students until May 1st, with a \$50 first prize, and a possible \$25 second prize; entries would be vetted at the next Commission meeting. Chair Cofer Randall commended Vice Chair Evans and Dr. Munke for the commitment to fund the contest winners. Vice Chair Evans stated the Friday food drive at Kroger yielded 260 lbs. of donated food for Need Line.

Vice Chair Evans presented information regarding potential venues and catering services for the proposed signature event. Members discussed the Robert O. Miller Conference Center for a venue and the Murray Banquet Center and MSU Catering Service for food. Chair Cofer Randall said she would like a date and venue selected at the May Meeting.

Ms. Cherry, Poverty Committee Member, stated she contacted Carolyn Todd of Habitat for Humanity regarding funding for housing projects. Ms. Cherry said Habitat was not interested in funding a housing project at this time. She said other promising avenues would be discussed when she and Dr. Munke meet to discuss the issue again.

New Business

Dr. Munke stated a former complainant had decided not to pursue the discrimination complaint against a local realtor.

Commissioners discussed submitting a request for funding (specifically for trainings and awareness programs) to Mayor Rose for inclusion in the City Budget. After discussion it was decided to submit a

\$1,000 request split between the two priority areas. **Ms. Cherry moved** to submit a request for funding; **seconded by Dr. Pittman Munke**. All members voted aye.

Chair Cofer Randall reminded members of the next HRC meeting scheduled for May 9th, and an MSU Social Work Program Expungement Program in Hopkinsville on Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. (5:30 meal).

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke**. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.