

## MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 9, 2016

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session (rescheduled) on Monday May 9, 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 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 April 25, 2016, were presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Dr. Munke.** All members voted aye.

Dr. Munke presented a report from the Poverty Committee regarding a potential tiny house project. Dr. Munke spoke with several community leaders regarding funding request protocols, grant opportunities, facility management, potential clientele, and student involvement.

Vice Chair Evans presented information and reports regarding the planned Human Rights Commission Signature Event. Members discussed timelines, sponsorship levels (and the possibility of raising funds for the tiny house project), catering, speakers, awards (nominations, deadlines, selection, and branding).

**Dr. Munke made a motion** to create six awards: Bill Wells Award for an Inclusive Democracy (contingent on spousal approval); James A. Frank Award for Diversity through Education (contingent on spousal approval); Community Activism Award for Human Rights; Leadership Awards for Human Rights in Business (large and small); and a human rights award for work within religious communities; **Ms. Cherry seconded** the motion. All voted aye.

Chair Cofer Randall stated a funding request was sent to the Mayor; she had yet to receive a response. Reference was made to the matter being brought up at a previous City budget work session.

Vice Chair Evans announced Human Rights Essay Competition winners. She recognized first-place winner, Kaitlyn White (Murray High School). Ms. White accepted the first-place award and addressed the Commission briefly. Second-place winner, Karigan Fry, was not present. Ms. Fry will be invited to attend the June meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall stated HRC Awareness Week 2017 would be addressed at the next meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Cherry.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.