

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
September 12, 2016
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

Members Present: Chair S. G. Carthell, Linda Cherry, Jane Shoemaker, Dr. Peggy Munke, Doris Saunders

Members Absent: Gerald Washington

Staff Present: June Batts

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

Old Business

The minutes of June 13, 2016, were presented for approval. Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Dr. Munke. All members voted aye.

Chair Carthell invited comments regarding the Signature Event and awards ceremony. Dr. Munke suggested the awards ceremony be moved back to Martin Luther King Day. Chair Carthell agreed that moving it back would allow sufficient time to sort out the details of the awards and how recipients would be chosen. Dr. Munke and Ms. Saunders agreed to assist Chair Carthell in those activities. **Dr. Munke moved** to plan for the Jim Frank and Bill Wells awards ceremony during the Martin Luther King celebration, and determine the manner in which recipients would be chosen, and the awards would be distributed; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All voted aye.

Dr. Munke stated the Committee on Poverty met and discussed obtaining City property and grant funding for tiny homes. She said homeless people over the age of fifty would be their target group for assistance. Members discussed applying for grant money to build tiny houses as well as aspects regarding management, rental/purchase, occupancy, zoning codes, community partners and support. Dr. Munke said the next step was to obtain the grant application for examination and discussion.

New Business

Dr. Munke presented information regarding the Center for Accessible Living's (CAL) campaign, "Accessible Murray." She discussed window decals for businesses in compliance and requested the Commission sponsor the effort. Members discussed compliance, variances, technical support, incentives, and online training for businesses' obligations under the ADA. Dr. Munke suggested a letter of support from the HRC and a follow up report in November from the CAL. Members discussed other ways to promote accessible living in the City of Murray--particularly in the park system.

Chair Carthell reminded members of the next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2016, and the upcoming *Conversation and Dessert* on Community Violence, scheduled for September 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. in the MSU Curris Center Ballroom.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Cherry**. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.