

## MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

October 10, 2016

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair S.G. Carthell presiding.

**Members Present:** Chair S. G. Carthell, Jane Shoemaker, Dr. Peggy Munke, Doris Saunders, Gerald Washington

**Members Absent:** Linda Cherry

**Staff Present:** June Batts

Chair Carthell welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

### Old Business

The minutes of September 12, 2016, were presented for approval. Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Mr. Washington. All members voted aye.

Chair Carthell invited comments regarding the Signature Event and awards ceremony. He suggested the awards be presented at the MLK Breakfast/Day of Service Ceremony in January and said family members of the designated honorees could be present for the ceremony, even if no recipients were named. He invited members to the MLK planning meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Chair Carthell also said the annual Diversity Achievement Awards, which would provide another venue for the HRC awards presentation. Dr. Munke agreed to work with Chair Carthell on the awards.

The Committee on Poverty had no report. Dr. Munke explained the current focus of the Committee on Poverty. Chair Carthell notified members about the Community Revitalization grant writing workshop which may be helpful for the Committee. He said he would forward relevant information to interested members.

### New Business

Chair Carthell said last year's MLK Bring Back activity was well supported and would likely be repeated and expanded to include more agencies and greater community involvement. He said it was an additional resource for members to consider regarding the awards.

Dr. Munke said a Trans Symposium would be held at the MSU Hopkinsville Campus on October 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss legal, mental health, community involvement, and transitioning issues.

Chair Carthell reminded members the next HRC meeting was scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. He said a diversity program scheduled for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.: Nativist and Racist Groups in the United States: A Historical Perspective would be held in Faculty Hall Room 208. Chair Carthell distributed an example document to challenge members to draft a Human Rights mission statement/initiative—attached.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Munke.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.