

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 15, 2017

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair S.G. Carthell presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Osborne

Chair Carthell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business

The minutes of April 10, 2017 were presented for approval. **Ms. Cherry Moved; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye.

Chair's Report

Chair Carthell reported on the community park event. He advised the Commission needed to finalize a budget for the event. Chair Carthell also spoke about the Tiny House program and reported that he spoke with Mayor Rose and the Mayor strongly supports the program. Chair Carthell closed his report by advising the Commission that he wanted to work towards offering diversity training in the future.

Ms. Munke reported that she was going to approach Lowes in regard to the Tiny House Project since Murray State would not be an option. She also inquired about a date for the park event. Ms. Cherry advised the Commission that she would inquire about available dates at the Park Board meeting that evening. The Commission discussed a variety of dates that would not be feasible, including the

Douglass Reunion event dates and other weeks during July. Ms. Cherry mentioned that it might be better to look at dates in the Fall. Chair Carthell advised the Commission that he thought some live music would add to the event.

Mr. Washington reported to the Commission that by the next meeting he should have results of the survey of needs in the community. This will allow the Commission to target what those needs are.

Ms. Cherry asked to discuss a complaint received via email. Chair Carthell advised that would be proper provided no names were used. Chair Carthell updated the Commission that he had attempted to contact the individuals involved several times. He advised that the Commission could not get involved without a response from the complaining party. He then requested that the Clerk send a copy of the Human Rights Commission ordinance to all Commission members.

Ms. Cherry asked to confirm the objective of the park event and the Commission discussed the event with Chair Carthell expressing his thoughts on the ultimate goal. Dr. Munke stated that she felt the Commission needed to provide leaflets to educate people on what human rights violations are. Members then discussed the possibility of recruiting sponsors in the future for goody bags.

With no further business before the Commission, **Dr. Munke moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Washington.** All members voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.