

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

Commissioners Present:

Richard Wagner
Zelda Yoder
Karima Archie
Kathryn Cobb-Holmes
Stacey Taylor

Absent:

Lisa Blount
Valerie Phelps-Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Commissioner Cobb-Holmes. The minutes from October were tabled.

Executive Director's Report

The eviction project in Judge Butler's court will be branching out to Judge Johnson's courtroom.

MidPenn will be hiring a navigator. I will be providing the training and paperwork.

Nilda returned to the office November 1st.

In the budget I requested 2 additional part time positions.

The E.D. sent the 2022 meeting schedule to Commissioners. It will be advertised in the Reading Eagle, Facebook, and the city website. Commissioners decided to reword things. It will say virtually "if needed".

Commissioner Wagner moved and Commissioner Yoder seconded. The E.D.'s report was accepted.

Old Business

The commission ordinance will be sent out to Commissioners after the meeting.

New Business

The Commissioners reviewed some topics that may need addressed such as attendance to meetings, who can be on the board, who can vote etc.?

Commissioner Taylor will be moving outside of the city. The E.D. will speak with the city clerk or legal to see if her role as president of the NAACP meets the current qualifications to remain a board member.

The NAACP has a majority of their meetings in the city.

Good & Welfare

Commissioner Wagner reports that Reading Pride is holding a Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th at Calvary at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Archie reports that on November 18, the democratic league is sponsoring "the art of persuasion" at Lux Restaurant from 6-8. Commissioner Archie will send the E.D. a flyer to distribute.

Commissioner Taylor reports that the NAACP is conducting a drive for notebooks, folders and pens.

Boxes will be placed throughout the city. After the holidays, the boxes will be distributed to the colleges. The NAACP will also be working with Delta Sigma Theta for a voter registration drive.

Commissioner Taylor will send the E.D. a flyer to distribute.

-November 23rd Alex & James Civil will be hosting a dinner for the homeless at 50 North 4th St. There will be a clothing drive and free haircuts at 6 p.m. Commissioner Taylor will send a flyer to be distributed. They are also seeking donations.

Commissioner Yoder asked if anyone was available to volunteer at City Park for the holiday parade to help organize people on November 20th between 9 a.m. – noon.

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes reports that BCIU is giving sign on bonuses. They need employees.

Training

A flyer was sent to the Commissioners for a training on November 18th from 2-4. The training is free.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.