

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

Commissioners Present:

Katherine Cobb-Holmes
Stacey Taylor
Zelda Yoder
Karima (Karen) Archie
Richard T. Wagner
Lisa Blount
Valerie Phelps-Robinson

Absent:

Barbara Coffin

Staff Present:

Kimberly Talbot

Guest

None

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Commissioner Yoder. The minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Wagner moved and Commissioner Archie seconded. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's report

The E.D. reports that the landlord/tenant forum on habitability issues is scheduled for September 1 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. via zoom.

The rental assistance program is going well. The RHRC has 992 cases for rental assistance total (as of 8/11/2021). 632 applications with evictions, 249 without, 22 cases are for utility assistance and 89 applications were for county residents that had to be referred elsewhere.

The E.D. requested assistance at the booth for Reading Pride which is scheduled on August 22nd from 12-6.

The office is still in need of additional staff to assist during Nilda's absence.

The E. D. & Commissioner Blount discussed the benefits of the most recent EEOC training.

Commissioner Yoder moved to accept the E.D.'s report. Commissioner Archie seconded. Motion granted.

Old Business:

Commissioner Wagner reviewed upcoming events for Reading Pride: (Commissioner Wagner will send out the event flyers to us)

- 8/19-Fundraiser "Steal a beer glass" for \$6
- 8/22-Pride at Centre Park from 12-6

Commissioner Yoder requested follow up information about the next diversity board task force meeting. An email was already sent to Chief Tornelli but he did not respond.

New Business:

Commissioner Wagner requested information and guidance from his fellow Commissioners regarding a potential sexual harassment complaint.

Training:

None scheduled at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021