

Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021

Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Kimberly Talbot

Guest

Councilwoman Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. The minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Yoder noted two corrections. Commissioner Taylor moved (with corrections) and Commissioner Wagner seconded. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's report

The E.D.'s reported having 803 cases for rental assistance. Not all applications qualify.

The EEOC is very interested in assisting us with starting a mediation unit here. EEOC also requests for us to re-start talks with West Reading about adopting the HRC ordinance so that we could process cases and lastly have talked with PHRC about transferring cases to us that are in this area.

The E.D. discussed the need to revise our meeting schedule for 2021. Meetings don't occur in July, August and December. For 2021, a meeting needs to be held in July & August. Commissioner Cobb-Holmes made a motion to revise the schedule and Commission Archie seconded.

Old Business:

The E.D. requested assistance from Councilwoman Cepeda-Freytiz to renew our talks with West Reading regarding the ordinance.

New Business:

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes reports that Threads of Change will be having a spaghetti dinner on 3/22 as a fundraiser. The dinners are \$9.00.

Commissioner Taylor reports that a spaghetti dinner will occur on 2/27 as a fundraiser for Juneteenth. The fundraiser is at 237 Walnut St. The dinners are \$10.00.

-a spaghetti dinner fundraiser is scheduled for February 27th for Juneteenth.

-League of women voters & the NAACP is co-sponsoring an event on how to recruit candidates for office on 2/24.