

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Kimberly Talbot

Guest

None

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. The minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Wagner moved and Commissioner Coffin seconded. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's report

There is a memorial event honoring Diana Rivera-O'Bryant at City Park on 5/23/2021. The HRC was requested to attend and present on fair housing however no one is available. A request was made to Commissioners.

The HRC will be collaborating with Attorney Don Smith and Judge Butler to host Facebook or zoom events that are about the work of the HRC such as equal employment, fair housing, and landlord tenant. We have not determined how long or how frequent.

Commissioner Wagner moved and Commissioner Yoder seconded to accept the E.D.'s report. The report was approved.

Old Business:

Commissioner Yoder wanted an update on our involvement with the police task force. The E. D. emailed Chief Tornelli about the meeting schedule however a meeting hadn't been set up at that time.

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes reports that the BCIU will have another job fair. Also in other BCIU news summer school is scheduled to last 5 weeks for kindergarten children. There will be 10 classrooms.

New Business:

Commissioner Blount reports that St. John's Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a COVID shot clinic from 8-12 inside the church basement.

Commissioner Yoder discussed the various details and dates for mail-in ballot voting.

Commissioner Archie reports that on 5/24 during BICA's monthly BCTV segment Commissioner Taylor will be on with John Morgan. The program begins at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Taylor reviewed Juneteenth festivities that will occur from June 18th-20th. There will be an in person family barbeque on the 19th. All events will be held at 237 Walnut St. The barbeque is from 12-6. Individuals are asked to bring a non-perishable item with them to donate. Also on the 19th, there will be a basket raffle. The price is \$5 per ticket. Sunday service will be at Gods Worship & Praise Temple of the Spirit & Truth Ministries, Inc., Apostle Edna Davis Lewis will preside. Afterwards a prayer walk will be held.

Commissioner Taylor also discussed the various programs members of the NAACP are putting together for Juneteenth. Mr. Butler is putting together a riding tour of the 6th ward. Alex Seville will be teaching about the Haitian revolution. There will also be other speakers from Philadelphia and D.C.

Training:

None scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021