

City of Reading Human Relations Commission
April 12, 2017
MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Kathryn Amaker, Chair
Richard Wagner
Zelda Yoder
Valerie Phelps-Robinson
Lisa Blount
Stacey Taylor

Absent

Barbara Coffin
Richard Spangler
Valerie Phelps Robinson

Staff

Kimberly Talbot

Guest

None

The meeting was called to order by the Commissioner Amaker and minutes were reviewed. The minutes will be amended to remove the information that Commissioner Coffin attended the meeting on March 8, 2017 in person and was not via telephone as indicated on the minutes. Also, the date of March 21, 2017 was omitted for the event that is to occur at the McGlenn Center. Commissioner Wagner moved and Commissioner Yoder seconded.

Executive Director's Report

The E.D. welcomed our newest member to the board, Ms. Stacey Taylor who is also the president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

The E.D. reviewed the office move, HUD visit and the new interns within the office.

The ED reviewed the new business that is going on in the office which includes meeting with Jocelyn Young of the LGBT Center. We will be collaborating on a program for Berks County Police Chiefs on June 13, 2017 in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

The office had presentations on:

- 4/5/17 Fair Housing Forum-City Hall
- 4/6/17 Rhodes Building-Reading Housing Authority
- 4/17/17 NAACP

There are no trainings scheduled at this time.

There were no housing intakes and 2 employment transfers.

Old Business

Commissioner Wagner requested an update on any housing complaints against RHA.

New Business

The following is a list of events for the NAACP:

-April 13, 2017 will be the town hall meeting with candidates who are running for office. That will be held at Schuylkill Avenue & Green St. at 6 p.m.

-April 21, 2017 A sandwich fundraiser

-September 5, 2017 Movie Night/Do the Right Thing

Reading Pride is having a Silent Auction and Pasta Bar on May 20, 2017. Tickets are \$35.00. July 16, 2017 is the Pride Parade.

May 6th the Legion is having 3 gospel groups. All you can eat for \$25.00. Starts at 6 p.m.