

Minutes of the Clarksville Human Relations Commission
Thursday, November 14, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT - Candy Johnson, Chair; Ken Roberts, Vice-Chair; Bill Gordon, Secretary; Feleesha Johnson, Treasurer; Council Member Jeff Burkhart; Mohsun Uddin Ghias
MEMBERS ABSENT - Mercedes A. Acuña, Johnny Jones, Fe Melendrez
QUORUM - A quorum was present.

In Kimbrough 115 at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, a meeting of the Clarksville Human Relations Commission (CHRC) was held on November 14, 2013 at 6 PM. The minutes for the meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2013 were approved as read.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Prospective HRC Members. Renee Jackson and JoAnn Latz introduced themselves to commission members. Ms. Latz is a member of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) of Tennessee Community Children and Youth and of the Special Education Defense Fund in Clarksville. Ms. Jackson is starting her own business.

II. Election of Officers. Bill Gordon was elected to be secretary of the commission, and Feleesha Johnson was elected as treasurer of the commission.

III. Committee Reports.

A. Community Education and Outreach Initiatives Committee. Candy Johnson and Feleesha Johnson, the co-chairs of this committee, are organizing a workshop on business financing and government contracting. The hands-on workshop will be held on January 23, 2014 from 9 AM to 2 PM in McReynolds at Austin Peay State University, and 32 computers are available for participant use. CHRC members voted to sponsor this activity.

B. Marketing/Public Relations Committee. Candy Johnson reported that Mercedes A. Acuña, the committee chair, made updates to the HRC website and plans to advertise for diversity events on the website. The committee also needs to develop brochures.

C. Mediation Committee. Bill Gordon, the chair of this committee, announced that the HRC is scheduled to provide early next year another peer mediation training for L.E.A.P. O.R.G., a community youth organization.

D. Research and Evaluation Committee. Ken Roberts, the committee chair, used a computer projector to present the latest version of the Clarksville HRC Resources Directory. This document lists Clarksville organizations that provide social services and their contact information. Ken has completed the hard work of verifying all the contact information. The document is close to being posted on the HRC website.

IV. Meeting Dates. The CHRC will meet on the following dates: January 9, April 10, and July 10.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Health Care Benefits. Elizabeth Valdez-Adamski is a state representative for health care benefits. She asked if the commission wanted her to give a presentation to the HRC membership on health care benefits.

II. HRC Mail. The commission will inquire into whether city hall can hold HRC mail for us.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Gordon
Secretary
Clarksville Human Relations Commission