

Clarksville Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:00 PM

Montgomery County Public Library, Boaz Board Room

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Candy Johnson, at 6:05 PM. Members present: Mohsun Ghias, Jason Hodges, María J. Jiménez, Feleesha Johnson, JoAnn Latz, Rebecca Peña Hines. Members absent: Jeff Burkhart, Michael Dale, Kenneth Roberts, Alexandra Wills.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of February 26. Jason Hodges moved and María Jimenez seconded that minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.
- III. **HRC Budget Update:** Ms Johnson reported on the status of the current HRC budget. She reviewed the expenditures to date, as well as, the expenditures that are still pending for this fiscal year. It is expected that most, if not all, of the remaining balance will be used to fund the remaining work and activities of the HRC for this fiscal year.
Ms Johnson also reported that she appeared before the City Council on Thursday, April 30, to present the HRC's budget request for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Written reports of both the current budget and the proposed budget for next year were submitted by Ms Johnson, for the record.
- IV. **Old Business: Committee Reports:**
 1. **Research and Evaluation:** JoAnn Latz reported that she represented the HRC at the Leadership Clarksville's presentation on Diversity, held at The Customs Museum on May 4th. Ms Latz also reported that she has been in contact with the Hopkinsville, KY, HRC. Interest was expressed for setting up a meeting with the Hopkinsville HRC for the purpose of sharing ideas for the benefit of both the Hopkinsville and Clarksville Human Relations Commissions' work. Ms Latz will follow through with arranging for a future meeting.
 2. **Marketing and PR:** Moshun Ghias reported on the workshop "Doing Business With Government" which was held by the HRC on April 24, 2015. He presented the results of the survey the workshop participants completed at the conclusion of the workshop. The tabulated responses showed that the workshop was well attended and it's stated goals were successfully achieved. Mr. Ghias submitted a written report of the results.
- V. **New Business:**
 1. **HRC "Employee Customer Service Training"** workshop is scheduled for June 25, 2015. The invited guest presenter/workshop leader will be Adrian J.R. Davis. The site for the workshop will be at Civic Hall or Liberty Park. The proposed workshop agenda is on file for the record.
 2. **HRC 2015-16 Objectives:** A list of the proposed objectives to guide the work of HRC for the coming year was submitted for the record.
 3. **A "Multicultural Day/Officer Outreach"** After considerable discussion, it was decided that the HRC will collaborate with law officers of the Clarksville Police Department to hold a community event at Pettus Park on Saturday, June 20th, at 10:00 am.
 4. **Proposed HRC Meeting Dates for 2015-16:** August 20, 2015; October 22, 2015; December 10, 2015; February 11, 2016; April 14, 2016; June 9, 2016.
 5. **International Partnership:** (Tabled until the June meeting.)
- VI. **Announcements:** An important, special meeting for the HRC, the final one for this fiscal year, will be held June 18, 2015.
- VII. **Adjourn:** Moved by Rebecca Hines; seconded by Jason Hodges. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

