

## MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

June 8, 2015

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

**Members Present:** Chair Jody Cofer Randall, Paula Compton, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Munke, Jane Shoemaker, Linda Cherry, Jessica Evans, Doris Saunders

**Members Absent: None**

**Staff Present:** June Batts

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **Old business:**

The Minutes of May 11, 2015, were presented for approval **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Ms. Evans.** All members present were in favor of the motion.

Chair Cofer Randall gave a brief overview of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights' meeting with Commission members on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

#### Committee on Poverty Panel Discussion

Dr. Pittman Munke introduced members of the Panel Discussion: Don Cherry, a 30-year Kroger District Manager; Steven Reed, T.A. Enterprises, Reed Interiors; and Johnny Phillips, Pella Corporation Human Resources Representative. After introductions, Dr. Pittman Munke asked panelists to address questions from the attached questionnaire regarding roadblocks to attaining and maintaining full time employment and career planning.

After the panel discussion, Chair Cofer Randall asked members their thoughts on how to proceed with the Business and Community Training on the Human Rights Ordinance revision.

Members discussed reformatting the event to widen appeal and rescheduling for a date in July dependent upon securing state representation with expertise in employment/housing Human Rights law. **Dr. Pittman Munke moved** to reschedule the event; **seconded by Ms. Cherry.** All members voted aye.

Chair Cofer Randall asked members to consider the creation of a vice chair position for the Commission. She said the action may require an amendment to the bylaws and she would accept nominations at the July meeting. **Ms. Shoemaker moved** to amend the bylaws and create a vice chair position on the Commission; **seconded by Ms. Cherry.** All members voted aye.

Chair Cofer Randall stated the Commission intended to review the diversity of City Boards/Commissions at the July meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall stated an event called "Conversation and Dessert" which would address issues related to labeling was scheduled for September at Murray State University. She said Roby Ochs, educator, speaker, and award-winning activist, was the scheduled speaker and asked if members were agreeable to submitting a funding request to the Mayor's Office for sponsorship of the event.

Ms. Shoemaker moved to request funding to sponsor the event; seconded by Ms. Evans.

Ayes: Linda Cherry, Jessica Evans, Dr. Pittman Munke, Doris Saunders, Jane Shoemaker

Nays: Paula Compton

Chair Cofer Randall abstained.

Chair Cofer Randall stated she would draft the letter to request the funds. She reminded members of the next meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and asked if members had any issues to discuss.

Ms. Cherry stated she was unable to continue to co-chair the Committee on Poverty, due to other responsibilities. Dr. Pittman Munke said she was willing to fill the position left vacant by Ms. Cherry.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Cherry motioned to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Shoemaker.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.