

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

January 9, 2017

4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Chair S.G. Carthell presiding.

Members Present: Chair S. G. Carthell, Linda Cherry, Jane Shoemaker, Dr. Peggy Munke, Doris Saunders, Gerald Washington

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: June Batts

Chair Carthell welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Old Business

The minutes of November 14, 2016, were presented for approval. **Ms. Shoemaker moved; seconded by Ms. Saunders.** All members voted aye.

Dr. Munke, Chair of the Committee on Poverty presented a report regarding efforts to secure property and materials to fund a tiny house project intended for use by senior citizens or single persons to eventually transition into public housing. Members discussed grant/funding opportunities, the potential to secure City owned property for the project, as well as maintenance and sustainability issues.

Chair's Report

Chair Carthell stated the MLK Day of Service was scheduled for January 16, 2017, with a celebration breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the 3rd Floor Curris Center Ballroom of Murray State University. He said the families of Jim Frank and Bill Wells would be recognized at the ceremony for their contributions to human rights. He said the event would coincide with a "give back" collection of items (from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) from returning students (and others) to replenish local non-profit agencies. Chair Carthell said Marcus Turnly, an ordained minister and P.A. with Mercy Health would be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Chair Carthell said the Mayor would be in attendance for the proclamation reading and invited all members to the complimentary event. He said greater community involvement is desirable and discussed possible activities for future MLK activities (and possibly Black History Month). Chair Carthell asked members to consider the "staples" of the commission—the things that support the purpose of the group as they consider the City's Human Rights Ordinance, vacancies on the Commission, and future events sponsored by the Commission.

Upcoming Events:

Chair Carthell invited Commission members to MLK Jr. Day events scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2017, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Curris Center Ballroom, 3rd Floor.

Linda Cherry introduced Pam Ward who stated she would like to serve her community as a member of the Commission.

With no further business before the Commission, **Ms. Shoemaker to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Cherry.** All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.