

MARION CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2015, 6:30 pm

Marion City Hall

1225 6th Avenue

Marion, IA 52302

Commissioners Present: Mr. Dave Baumler
Ms. Deborah Brydon
Mr. Joseph Ellis
Ms. Elizabeth Hilkerbaumer
Mr. Kent Jackson
Mr. Steve Moshier, Chair
Ms. Angelica Vannatta
Ms. Queen Githaiga
Mr. Bret Nilles
Mr. Joe Stutler, Vice Chair
Ms. Kim Gordon

Commissioners Absent:

Staff/Other Present:

Mrs. Traci Miller, Administrative Assistant, City of Marion
Mr. Robin Tucker, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission Liaison
Mr. Johnny Alcivar-Zuniga, Cedar Rapids Education and Outreach Coordinator

- I. **Call to Order**
Noting there was a quorum, Commissioner Moshier, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- II. **Roll Call/Introductions**
Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.
- III. **Public Response.**
There was no public response.
- V. **Approval of Minutes from April Meeting**
Noting no changes, Commissioner Ellis moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion to approve the Commission's minutes from April. With no additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. **Report from Chair**

Commissioner Moshier, Chair presented the chair report. Commissioner Moshier distributed a contact information sheet for commissioners to list their contact phone numbers in the event of a meeting cancellation. Commissioner Moshier discussed the role and function of the commission regarding outreach and goal setting.

VI. **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee

Commissioner Stutler, Vice Chair presented the executive committee report. He stated that he attended the open house on April 29 and it was a success. Commissioner Stutler also noted that due to Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission staffing shortage, all cases will be transferred to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission until July 1, 2015.

Marion Liaison Report

Commissioner Nilles presented the Marion Liaison report. Commissioner Nilles stated that he also attended the open house. Commissioner Nilles noted that one of the new conference rooms was named after Commissioner Tuckers' father. Commissioner Nilles stated that the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission is in the process of reducing the number of commissioners to nine.

Cedar Rapids Liaison Report

Mr. Robin Tucker, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission Liaison presented this report. Commissioner Tucker also attended the open house that started with the Mayor Corbett and city council liaison, Susie Weinacht. Commissioner Tucker verified that the conference room was named after his father who is the last surviving member of the original Cedar Rapids Human Rights Committee that was formed in 1964. Commissioner Tucker stated that the Cedar Rapids City Council would like to reduce the size of the Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission. Commissioner Tuckers also stated that that two new investigators have been hired. The investigators are being trained and will be ready to investigate cases starting July 1, 2015.

VII. **Director's Report**

Mr. Johnny Alcivar-Zuniga, Cedar Rapids Education and Outreach Coordinator distributed the Director's Report.

VIII. **New Business:**

Transfer of cases to ICRC

Due to inadequate staffing all case are currently being transferred to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission until July 1, 2015.

Annual Work Plan/ Annual Goals

Commissioner Moshier suggested an all-day training session that would include Train the Trainer training and a Marion Civil Rights Commission 2016 Goal Setting session. Commissioner Stutler will email a survey to all commissioners to determine the best date.

Annual Trainings

Mr. Johnny Alcivar-Zuniga distributed an updated annual training chart.

Public Accommodations Training - Staff

Mr. Johnny Alcivar-Zuniga, Cedar Rapids Education and Outreach Coordinator presented a power point presentation regarding credit.

Upcoming Community Involvement Activities

May 16 – Eastern Iowa Fatherhood Alliance
May 21 - Civil Rights Commission 50th anniversary in Des Moines
May 30 – Cedar Rapids Pride Fest
July 12 – Cedar Rapids Latino Fest
July 25 – Cedar Rapids Asian Culture Festival
September 4 – Stand- Down, Kernel Stadium.

XI. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Baumler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hilkerbaumer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Marion City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, Marion, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Miller