

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – April 14, 2015

Attendance

Commissioners: George Morgan III, Victoria Taylor, Judy Jobes, Tom Wellington, Robert Howden, Amy Danzer

Staff: Charlotte Scalise, Joe Aguglia, Heidi Meyer

Commissioners not in attendance: Robert Curry, Mary Hayes, Willie McAdory

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve March 2015 minutes was made by Amy Danzer; seconded by Robert Howden. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Financial Report

Old Business

Applications for Fair Housing Testing through City of Erie CDBG Funding

Two applications were received. One was from Southwestern PA Legal Services, Inc. (SPALS) from Washington, PA, and one was from Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. (FHRC) from Painesville, OH. It was noted that Southwestern PA Legal Services could not perform the testing prior to the June 30 deadline that would not be extended by the city. Amy Danzer motioned that we award the contract to FHRC from Painesville, OH. Robert Howden seconded. The vote was unanimously approved. After getting it approved by the city, the subcontractor will begin work. This must be completed by June 30. There will be a meeting to help identify landlords and methodology to be used, presumably within the next few weeks. This meeting with the staff and commissioners will be determined when we hear from FHRC.

Act 137 Contract for Fair Housing Testing in the County

Joe Aguglia signed and turned the contract in last week. It is for \$5,000. The contract states it is for Girard and North East. The county grants administrator says it can be used for North East and Wesleyville as well. This will need to be clarified before the RFP is released. The RFP will be put into the Erie Times News and sent to the two firms that replied to the RFP for the CDBG fair housing testing (see above).

Other

The Fair Housing Seminar (put on by our HRC staff) will be from 8:30-5:00 on April 28 @ Blasco Library. Advertisements such as on the webpage, community calendars, etc. are in place. Please suggest any other places it would be good to advertise.

There may still be an employment hearing but that has yet to be determined.

New Business

HUD Presentation at Gannon – April 16 @ 2:00

Veteran's Resource Expo @ Gannon's Hammermill Center– April 23

Housing Expo @ St. Martin Center – April 22

Employment Seminar – June 25

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Howden; seconded by Vicki Taylor. Unanimously approved at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Danzer