

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 25, 2016

Attendance

Commissioners: George Morgan, Bob Howden, Jim Wandless, Luisa Heifner and Amy Danzer
Staff: Joe Aguglia and Charlotte Scalise

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm

Approval of Minutes

Bob Howden made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25. This was seconded by Jim Wandless. They were approved unanimously. The notes from May and June at which there was no quorum were distributed and reviewed.

Directors Report

County Council should begin discussing the budget soon. Joe Aguglia expects small if any changes to the HRC budget. Joe would like to use some of the money that may be left over for this fiscal year (about \$2,500) to be used for advertising. Although he was thinking about radio or TV spots, it was suggested and generally believed that updating the brochure to include all the issues and services addressed by the HRC would be more useful than the brochure now being used which focuses only on housing.

Joe will report on the filling of the investigator position when we know about it.

New Business

There are many upcoming celebrations at which the HRC will look to have a presence. They include:

August 2 – National Night Out @ various locations

August 6 – Hispanic Festival @ Perry Square from 11 am to 6 pm

August 18-21 – Celebrate Erie

August 26 – Family Resource Fair @ Pfeifer Burleigh

August 27 – Erie Pride Festival @ Griswold Plaza

Charlotte will send out a list of the activities and ask people to sign up to work at them.

The advisory Board continued discussions about providing training for police and others by jona olsen. There was also discussion about a local arrest that was said to be inappropriately forceful. It was recognized that the information relating to that arrest was not complete.

Old Business

The application for CDBG funding for TV commercials was turned in and accepted. Following the completion of the process of approval, the commercials should start in August.

Public Comment or Open Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Louisa Heifner moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by George Morgan and approved unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:37 pm.