

ERIE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2014

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Wellington at 6:24 p.m. on July 14, 2014. The following Commission members were in attendance: Tom Wellington, Amy Danzer, Judy Jobes, Robert Currie, Willie McAdory, George Morgan III and Robert Howden. The following Commission staff members were also present: Joseph Aguglia and Charlotte Scalise. The following Commission members were absent: Mary Hayes and Victoria Taylor.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was cast by Amy Danzer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 30, 2014, as written. The Motion was seconded by George Morgan. All were in favor.
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Joseph Aguglia introduced new Commission member, Robert Howden. There was discussion regarding the functions of the Commission, procedures, seminars, investigation processing, etc.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. TESTING:** Joseph Aguglia reported that staff is still trying to set up the testing that the City of Erie has requested that the HRC conduct (as part of the City's fulfillment of its "affirmatively furthering fair housing" requirements for its receipt of Community Development Block Grant funding through the federal government). Family and friends of the Commissioners CAN be utilized as testers. The Housing Authority of the City of Erie does not want to provide its employees as testers. Prior testing done in Erie was based upon the protected class of those with disabilities, but HRC does not know the results of that testing. It was suggested that staff contact PFLAG regarding volunteers to test on the basis of sexual orientation and GECAC for volunteers on the basis of age and/or disability. The City of Erie would like to have some on-site tests conducted as well as phone tests. Susan Scovill is sending a quote for assisting in the drafting of the Request for Proposals (RFP), but she suggested that, due to the small size and minimal budget, HRC may be better off hiring a company from Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Buffalo that may have its own testers.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion was cast by Judy Jobes and was seconded by Robert Currie. All were in favor. The next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting will be held on August 25, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted by Commissioner, Amy Danzer.