

# Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – August 23, 2015

## Attendance

Commissioners: Judy Jobes, George Morgan, Bob Howden, Willie McAdory, Adam Williams, Amy Danzer  
Staff: Joe Aguglia, Heidi Meyer

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

## Approval of Minutes

The motion was made to approve the minutes by George Morgan and seconded by Bob Howden.  
Approved with Adam Williams abstaining.

## Directors Report

Tom Wellington has resigned his position on the commission. Adam Williams has been named to the commission. Introductions were made. Adam is a lawyer with experience working with poor communities and those in need. Although he has his own private practice now, he still does pro bono work for those in need.

## Old Business

A meeting with a marketing firm was held. They gave a number of suggestions as to how to advertise in a variety of areas. These suggestions including having brochures at the courthouse and district justices, writing op-ed pieces in the Time-News shortly before the seminars we hold, advertise and write in the Erie Reader and Senior News, hold tv and radio interviews and have an active social media presence on media such as facebook, twitter, etc.

The check to pay for the housing testing has been cut. The testing in the county has to be done before the data can be publicized.

The national night out went well but as the HRC has been at JFK for each of the last several years, it was felt that going to another site next year may be wise.

## New Business

### Fair Housing Testing Services RFP for County Testing

The only proposal submitted was from Fair Housing Resources Center (FHRC) which did the testing within the City of Erie earlier this summer. The motion to approve the proposal submitted was made by Amy Danzer, seconded by Judy Jobes. The motion passed unanimously. It was ok with the commissioners to arrange the meeting with FHRC at the staff's convenience and inform the commissioners as to when it will be so commissioners may attend if they are available. It was decided the two protected classes to be tested would be race and disability as those were those of most concern in the City of Erie testing.

Following the collection of the county housing testing data, information from both testing campaigns will be given to the elected officials and then an educational campaign will be undertaken to inform the community.

### Fairs & Expos

There are a number of fairs and expos that will be occurring within the next month at which the HRC will have a presence.

### Public Comment

The state OVR meeting will be held in Erie on September 22.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by George Morgan and seconded by Amy Danzer. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.