

# ERIE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2013

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Tom Wellington at 6:07 p.m. on March 25, 2013. The following Commission members were in attendance: Tom Wellington, Amy Danzer, Bob Currie, Judy Jobs and Willie McAdory. The following Commission staff members were also present: Joseph Aguglia, Charlotte Scalise, and Heidi Meyer. The following Commission members were absent: Ebony Davis (excused – injured) and Mary Hayes (excused – vacation).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was cast by Amy Danzer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2013, as written. The Motion was seconded by Bob Currie. All were in favor.

### III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

**A. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:** Executive Director, Joseph Aguglia, indicated that he met with Lori Sanders from Antioch Church (on 21<sup>st</sup> and Sassafras Streets) and is going to attend a joint church meeting next month with Antioch and Shiloh churches. He is going to speak with the Bishop of Greater Calvary church (on German Street) to see about speaking at that church also. If the Commissioners have ideas as to other venues, they should contact the HRC office.

**B. CASE STATUS:** Joseph Aguglia reported that the HRC hopes to generate more housing cases through the upcoming Home Show and HRC's Fair Housing Seminar in April, as 95% of new cases are still involving employment

**C. HOUSING COUNSELING:** Due to national/state funding decreases, St. Martin's Center is the only place in Erie that the HRC is aware of that is doing any sort of housing counseling. Connie Burnett retired from MLK about 2 months ago. JFK and VFI both lost funding.

**D. OTHER HOUSING PROGRAMS:** The Commission discussed the weatherization program and requirements through GECAC.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

**A. HRC'S ANNUAL HOUSING SEMINAR – APRIL 17, 2013:** There will be good speakers at this year's seminar, and Joseph Aguglia encouraged Commission members to attend, if possible. It is being held at the Blasco Library in the Hirt Auditorium. Commission members may attend for free.

**B. HRC'S ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR – JUNE 27, 2013:** Charlotte Scalise is still working on speakers, but Commissioners should save the date and plan to attend, if possible. It will be held in the Hemingway Room of the Ambassador Hotel on Peach Street. Commission members may attend for free.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. HOMEBUILDER'S ASSOCIATION HOME SHOW APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013:** HRC staff is in need of volunteers to help man the HRC table at the event being held at the Family First Sports Park facility on Oliver Road off of upper Peach Street. The times are listed on the Agenda. Please contact the HRC office to schedule a time to work the table.

**B. HRC'S NEW COMMISSION MEMBER ORIENTATION:** Tom Wellington asked Amy Danzer to talk about the role of the Commission for the benefit of new Commission member, Willie McAdory. Others also spoke in order to answer questions and clarify issues. The discussion lasted approximately 35 minutes.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one from the public was present.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Motion was cast by Amy Danzer and was seconded by Bob Currie. All were in favor. The next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting will be held on April 22, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted by Staff, Heidi Meyer.