

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights
And Community Relations
July 15, 2015, Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Duckett chair, Roger Cotton, Emily Journagan, Todd Thomas, Jeremy Trapp.

Absent: David Knox, Joy Qualls, Christina Ryder, Dan Scott.

Jeff Kester has resigned due to an increase in his work-related responsibilities.

Staff Member Present: Brendan Griesemer

Guests: Karen Burnell Ruff and Shelby Butler from Southwest Center for Independent Living

Called to order at 5:33 by Chair, John Duckett.

It was **Moved**, **Seconded**, and **Carried (MSC)** to approve the minutes from June.

John reported the purchase a canopy for outdoor events.

John gave the commissioners their newly purchased polo shirts bearing the logo.

John will email commissioners about upcoming events for us to consider attending, including Park Day, August 1 and 2.

The two guests, Karen Burnell Ruff and Shelby Butler, presented the mission and activities of the Southwest Center for Independent Living, a very active state agency providing services to people with disabilities who experience barriers to independent living, in an eight county area. In the matters of discrimination and noncompliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act, especially in housing, the Center and the Mayor's Commission share a common area of public service and agreed to talk more about this in the future. The Center is also interested in how the commission handles complaints.

The guests distributed copies of the report done on Universal Design and Springfield by Christopher Kempke.

Christina's question about MCHRCR interns was tabled.

MSC to limit the commission Yahoo group to current members because past members lack the needed context of the decisions and other communications.

The meeting was closed at 6:45 to discuss a case.

The meeting was reopened and adjourned at 6:54.

Submitted by Roger Cotton

Next meeting: August 19, First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building 5:30-7:00 p.m.