

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights
And Community Relations
August 19, 2015, Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building
5:30-7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: David Knox, Dan Scott.

Joy Qualls has resigned due to taking a job in California.

Staff Member Present: Brendan Griesemer

Guest: Isabelle Walker

Called to order at 5:34 by Chair, John Duckett.

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

Due to some confusion in scheduling the Green County Baptist Association did not attend and will be asked back later this fall.

It was reported that Park Day went well. The new canopy with our logo on it worked well. Todd gave out 8 cases of water and a case of water bottles and other items.

John reported that a group at the next booth at the Juneteenth event wants to exchange speakers with us. Todd will find out who it was. John was asked to tell about what we do to the audience there. The commissioners agreed that this was a good event for the commission to participate in, in the light of recent national events.

The Roberson Neighborhood Association asked us to attend their community event but it was too short of notice for any of the commissioners to do so.

Christina said there are university students in the Sociology and Anthropology programs who would like to intern with us for a semester, earning credits for a course, learning about what we do. One such student named Seth, has made a request to intern as part of his concentration in conflict management in his master's degree program.

It was **MSC** to have Christina offer to supervise him for a course where he would be an unpaid intern with the Commission. He would apply to become a commissioner, shadow us in dealing with cases, and compile a history of the Commission.

Todd proposed that the Commission do outreach to housing groups in relation to fair housing and discrimination issues.

It was **MSC** to pay for a booth at the Realtors Helping People event on October 15 at a cost of \$250.

It was proposed that next year at this time, just after school begins, the Commission should plan to be involved in the National Neighborhood Night Out.

The meeting was closed at 6:15 to discuss two cases. Jeremy and Christina agreed to follow up on those cases.

The meeting was reopened and adjourned at 6:36.

Submitted by Roger Cotton

Next meeting: September 16, First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building 5:30-7:00 p.m.