

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights
And Community Relations
September 16, 2015, Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building
5:30-7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: David Knox, Christina Ryder.

Staff Member absent

Guest: Michael Haynes

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

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

Emily introduced our speaker, Michael Haynes, director of the Green County Baptist Association to explain what they do and to hear what we do. They are the local association of Southern Baptist Churches, which serves the churches by coordinating various ministries and helping to develop leaders. The churches are autonomous and the association is voluntarily supported. Many of the churches are involved in community service. Mr. Haynes was glad for the opportunity and said that he was much clearer now on what the Commission does and does not do. We agreed to look for opportunities in the future to work together in community events.

The Commission was reminded that this is Jeremy's last meeting before he moves to Nevada and commended him for his strong contribution to the work of the Commission and to the betterment of the community.

The following elections were held per the bylaws and were unanimous: Chair, John; Vice Chair, Todd; and Secretary, Roger.

The Watkins Neighborhood invited us to participate in their night out this Saturday but no Commissioners were available.

The Heart of the Westside also invited us to their night out, on September 27th, 1-4, at Nichols Park. Some of the commissioners agreed to participate.

It was **MSC** to allot \$100 for any expenditures that might be needed for the Westside event.

John said he would check with city legal about updating our bylaws.

Todd reminded the commissioners that he has free tickets for the Realtors Helping People event, October 15.

Christina will give an update at the next meeting on the proposal to have an intern work with the Commission.

The meeting was closed and 6:36 to discuss recent cases and reopened and adjourned at 6:50.

Submitted by Roger Cotton

Next meeting: October 21, First Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building
5:30-7:00 p.m.