

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015
6:00 P.M. - ROOM 302

Members Present: Chairman Robert Tucker, Tiffany Bevis, Selecca Bulgar-Medina, Pamela Freeman, Omozee Idusuyi, Jeanne McAuley, Jessie Warren, Jr.

Members Not Present: Jordan Avery, Audrey Jimenez, Laura McGaughey-Marquez and Attorney Vincent Phelan.

Others Present: Terry Young, Clerk

Chairman Tucker called the Meeting to Order. He introduced the two new members, Tiffany Bevis and Selecca Bulgar-Medina, who were appointed by the Mayor.

Motion made by Omozee Idusuyi and seconded by Jeanne McAuley to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015.

Motion carried.

Chairman Tucker stated that there were no new complaints. He stated that the Brochure was updated and will be forwarded to the service agencies. He confirmed that Council President Cahill identified \$1500 for advertising.

Pam Freeman said that she would like to discuss Strategic Planning at the November/December meetings so that the Commission can start up in January on working on how we can get the community to know about the Lynn Human Rights Commission. She suggested having focus groups and/or forums. She stated that our short-term goal is educating the community.

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Jessie Warren stated that we need to increase awareness in the community by going out to public places. Pam Freeman suggested that the Commission create a PSA so that the community can see the faces of the Commission. Jessie Warren suggested getting a list of events and setting up a table at these events. Omozee Idusuyi stated that she will contact Stop and Shop and see if the Commission can put information on the back of their receipts. Jessie Warren stated that the more awareness of the Commission will mean more cases.

Jeanne McAuley suggested the Commission get a list of regularly scheduled meetings of organizations, churches, service organizations and forward our brochure to them. She also added schools, PTA, holiday fairs, etc. Omozee Idusuyi suggested sending them to the churches to include in their weekly bulletins. Omozee Idusuyi stated that she would contact the churches.

Chairman Tucker stated that he would contact the Lynn Item to see if they would print a follow-up story on the Commission.

Tiffany Bevis suggested doing a "FaceBook" page. Selecca Bulgar-Medina suggested co-sponsoring events with the NAACP or with the Gay Lesbian Transgender Bisexual (GLBT) groups. She stated also that the Commission could outreach to the high schools and NSCC. Chairman Tucker also suggested contacting Girls Inc. and put together joint events. Chairman Tucker stated that he would contact Girls Inc. Tiffany Bevis stated that she would follow-up on the FaceBook page. Selecca Bulgar-Medina also suggested hosting seminars, having Guest Speakers on race relations foregoing monthly meetings.

Chairman Tucker stated that the Commission is upset with members not showing up for meetings. They reviewed the Provisions of Section 3-7 and 6-6 of the City Charter pertaining to a Commissioner being removed from Office. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Lynn Human Rights forward a request to the Lynn City Council with the following amendment to the Human Rights Commission Ordinance: "If a member misses three consecutive meetings, without cause, they will automatically be removed".

Motion made by Omozee Idusuyi and seconded by Selecca Bulgar-Medina to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Theresa C. Young, Clerk