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## MINUTES BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 5:45 PM

- <u>Call to Order and Roll</u> Chairperson Zoril called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM. Commissioners Zoril, Hansen, Howland, Weaver, Perreault, and Councilor Sloniker were present.
- <u>Approval of Minutes of the August 19, 2015 Meeting</u> Commissioner Perreault moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Howland seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- 3. <u>Public Participation</u> There were no members of the public present.
- 4. Update on RFP for Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Affirmatively <u>Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) HUD Final Rule</u> Staff explained that there has been no further guidance from HUD regarding whether we are to wait until the new format is required to be submitted in 2019, whether we are to submit under the old format before then, or if we are allowed to submit under the new format before the new format deadline. Staff will reach out to the HUD Field Office for guidance.

Staff explained that the Housing Authority would like to do a joint RFP and joint AFH with the City.

Staff also explained that the cost for hiring a consultant would be eligible with CDBG Fair Housing funds. Staff explained that we need to spend this Fair Housing funding soon because it is grant funding from a few years ago. If we do not spend it, HUD may require us to return it.

Staff explained that for outreach, she will be exploring a Duffy internship opportunity from Beloit College.



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5. <u>Commissioner Comments and Upcoming Events</u> Commissioner Howland said that it would be nice if an intern could develop contacts and awareness building aligned with the goals of our 2016 Strategy.

Commissioner Hansen said suggested having a surveys or brochures placed at the Housing Authority or other public places with an attention-getting title such as "Do you feel you've been discriminated against?", then have simple bullet points and a number to call with questions.

- 6. <u>Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2015</u> Chairperson Zoril announced the next meeting date.
- 7. Adjournment

Commissioner Howland made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Weaver seconded. **The motion carried** and the meeting adjourned 6:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Chesmore

Date approved by EOC

Teri Downing, Director of Community and Housing Services