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MEETING MINUTES
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM
The City Manager's Conference Room (Fourth Floor)
Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Teri Downing called the meeting to order at 5:45pm. Commissioner Gross nominated Commissioner Mohorko to serve as Chair Pro Tempore. Commissioner Young seconded. The motion passed, 4-0. Commissioner Young excused himself at 6:26pm.

Commissioners Mohorko, Young, Richards, Gross and Miller were present. Commissioner Rose arrived at 5:53pm. Commissioner Howland attended the meeting via phone conference. Councilor Blakeley was absent.

2. Approval of Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Meeting

Commissioner Gross moved to approve the minutes of the 10-18-2017 meeting. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present who wished to participate.

4. Review and Approval of Fair Housing Proclamation

Commissioner Miller moved to add the term "gender identity" to the list of protected demographics (after the term sexual orientation) to the Resolution. Commissioner Mohorko seconded the motion. The commission discussed the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

At 5:53pm, Commissioner Richard arrived and presided over the meeting.

Commissioner Mohorko moved to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation as amended. Commissioner Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

5. Discussion of Fair Housing Month (April) Activities

The Commission discussed possible Fair Housing Month activities. The Commission decided to promote a Fair Housing Month gallery for the after-school programs in the area. Commissioner Young suggested "Draw something important to you." Commissioner Richard suggested the theme of, "What does home mean for you?"

Commissioner Miller suggested emailing the school district and other local student centers. Commissioner Richard suggested targeting specific youth groups. Commissioner Young suggested focusing on after school programs. The Commission divided the locations among all of the members.

Commissioner Young suggested that members of the EOC personally attend the locations with supplies and facilitate the submissions. Commissioner Howland asked how the submissions would be accepted. Commissioner Richard said that the members who are facilitating the events would accept the submissions. Mrs. Downing also suggested that submissions could be dropped off at 3rd floor.

The submissions will be accepted from students Pre-K thru grade 12. The first name, last initial, organization, and age of the student submitting the work would be requested. The deadline for submissions is April 13, 2018 (although that date is flexible). It was decided that the Commission would accept writing (one page of any writing style) and drawing (no profanity) submissions with no size limits. The organizations that participate will receive a certificate. Commissioner Gross volunteered to create a flyer to be done March 23rd by 5pm and the goal is to notify the groups by March 26th. Commissioner Miller suggested having a generic plaque for the children of Beloit who have participated who may not be associated with any specific organization displayed in City Hall.

Commissioner Miller volunteered to create a press release for the Poster Gallery. Mrs. Downing will put a notice out that there may be a quorum of EOC members at the April 16th council meeting.

6. Commissioner Comments and Upcoming Events

There is a NAACP Meeting on 3/22/2018 at the previous McGlenegan School on Sunshine Lane.

On March 22, 2018, there will be a forum for the four candidates for the School District of Beloit Board of Education at 6pm in Kolak.

Beloit College is hosting Steven Hawkings as the 2017/2018 Weissberg Chair. He is presenting Friday, March 23, 2018 at Eaton Chapel on Criminal Justice Reform between 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Commissioner Richards is hosting a Book Drive through-out the month of April. There are various locations around the City of Beloit where the donations will be collected. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Headstart will be sending packets out to families with child abuse prevention information.

7. Next Regular Meeting Date: April 18, 2018

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Mohorko moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gross seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ashley Rosenbaum