



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

July 28, 2016 at 3 p.m.

City Hall, 222 Meigs Street

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Jennifer Washington - Chairperson, Dora Grant – Vice Chairperson,
Charlene Adams, Dannie Edmon, Joe Hayberger, Ted Huston,
Dan Leavell, Beverly Newell-Hancock, Dominic Wells

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23, 2016

CURRENT BUSINESS

Talon Flohr, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee - *D. Edmon, D. Leavell & T. Huston*
Public Forum Committee - *J. Hayberger, D. Grant & D. Wells*
Community Organization Planning Committee - *J. Washington,*
B. Newell-Hancock & C. Adams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

August 25, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Chairperson Jennifer Washington called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

The following members were present: Jennifer Washington, Dan Leavell, Dominic Wells, Joe Hayberger, Charlene Adams and Ted Huston.

Also in attendance: Beverly Hancock-Newell (3:40 p.m.).

STAFF PRESENT: Naomi Twine - Commission Liaison, Kelly Kresser – Clerk, Talon Flohr – Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, Kelly Kresser - Clerk and Jerry Garrett - Consultant.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Joe Hayberger and second of Dan Leavell, the members voted to approve the Minutes of the May 26 meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The Chairperson declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer Washington said a signup sheet had been distributed for the **Stars & Stripes Celebration** and if anyone else wished to volunteer at this event to let her know. Joe Hayberger said the Public Forum Committee met and reviewed the brochures for the HRC and noted the contact information should be corrected before distributing. Dominic Wells said the brochures stated the city can provide mediation services and wanted to make sure Jerry Garrett is an active and trained mediator so no false promises were being made. Kelly Kresser said she would make the changes to these brochures and have available prior to the July 4 celebration. Dan Leavell suggested bringing someone in to train others regarding the mediation process as we may need more than one person. Dominic Wells said there are 30 – 40 hour courses and there is no licensure required to perform mediation services. Joe Hayberger said the National Association of Realtors offers this training for their members. Charlene Adams said it would be good to be trained in the art of mediation for conceptual purposes, not to actually perform mediation services. Jerry Garrett said he was certified as a mediator and is trained in the processes used to speak with citizens about complaints. Jennifer Washington confirmed the tent, signage, water, pencils and brochures will be available for the celebration.

Ted Huston distributed information from *Mental Health America* and a case study from Congressional Quarterly, Inc. regarding **mental health treatment in correctional facilities**. This is a nationwide problem and the section entitled “Specific Rights” is what the HRC should be looking at with our legislators. People who may be misdiagnosed and then placed in isolation end up having real problems and this should not be taken lightly or without understanding. Dan Leavell said a parallel issue is a recent decision made by the Supreme Court which allows persons who are pulled over during a traffic to have their vehicle searched without probable cause. This opens the door to putting more people in jails. Ted Huston said we cannot take our freedom for granted and these kinds of things have happened to his kids, grandkids, great grandkids and neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS

Dominic Wells said the **Public Forum Committee** met and revised the brochures. Jerry Garrett said a solid plan was presented for using Balin & Associates and hosting a public event. The local media can be used to advertise the event. Jerry Garrett stated the deadline to make application for grants is August 1 and we will probably not be able to meet the deadline this year. **The Community Organization Committee** needs to get together and figure this out. Dan Leavell said the budget set aside monies for Balin & Associates and they should proceed with this regardless of grants received. Jerry Garrett said money was set aside to host a forum for various community organizations and we will go ahead with this.

Jennifer Washington introduced **Talon Flohr, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator**, who said he is currently marketing the new resources available to homeowners. This information will be forwarded to members of the HRC. Ted Huston asked if Mr. Flohr could be added to future HRC Agendas to provide information to the members.

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Jennifer Washington said she added this section to the Agenda so each of the members could share information pertinent to the group.

- Charlene Adams recapped different programs which the Center for Cultural Awareness is involved with currently including three summer camps, the food program in the parks, the upcoming Carnival and Fun Day (Conestoga program).
- Joe Hayberger said the Salvation Army has a program in different parks to feed children. The annual Safe Harbor fundraiser, "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is taking place August 6 at Shoreline Park.
- Jerry Garrett said Ted Huston is involved in a new group called "Men Seeking Excellence" which is in a formative state. They are helping men transition from grade school to middle school without a background in how to raise a family or how to get on a career path. They are helping these young men with counseling and with a non-denominational religious aspect.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Joe Hayberger and second of Charlene Adams, the members voted to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. The Chairperson declared the motion passed.

Attest: Kelly L. Kresser, CMC

Date: ____/____/____

Jennifer Washington, Chairperson

Date: ____/____/____