

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Board Minutes

March 4, 2019

Members Present: Mr. Paul Bradley, Ms. Pamela Cone, Ms. Cherish Cronmiller, Rev. Dr. Sherry Gale, Ms. Wanda Sloan, Mr. Tom Wahlrab

Members Absent: Mr. Brian LaDuca, Petey Peterson

HRC Staff Present: Ms. Erica Fields, Ms. Chrisondra Goodwine, Mr. Jared Grandy, Ms. Lezlee Gerren

City Staff Present: Ms. Ariel Walker, Director of City Commission Offices

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roll was called and a motion was made by Ms. Cherish Cronmiller and seconded by Mr. Tom Wahlrab to approve the minutes from February 4, 2019. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *A motion was made by Ms. Cherish Cronmiller and seconded by Mr. Paul Bradley to open the Executive Session of the HRC Board Meeting to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried. Roll was called for this purpose, with the following members responding with "YES" to roll call: Mr. Paul Bradley, Ms. Pamela Cone, Ms. Cherish Cronmiller, Rev. Dr. Sherry Gale, Ms. Wanda Sloan, and Mr. Tom Wahlrab.*
- *Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Wanda Sloan and seconded by Ms. Cherish Cronmiller to close the Executive Session of the HRC Board meeting. Motion carried. The regular business of the HRC Board was continued.*
- *In the case of Ava Heyes v. National Church Residences, LLC Property Management, Case No. 3811H, a motion was made by Ms. Cherish Cronmiller and seconded by Mr. Paul Bradley to accept the recommendation that the Board approve the "Negotiated Settlement Agreement Before Cause" finding. Motion carried.*
- *In the Case of Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc. v. M. Kay Slessinger, Case No. 3822H, a motion was made by Ms. Cherish Cronmiller and seconded by Ms. Pamela Cone to accept the recommendation that the Board approve the "Negotiated Settlement Agreement Before Cause" finding. Motion carried.*

BOARD DISCUSSION

KKK RALLY RESPONSE:

- Ms. Fields notified the Board the Mayor would be holding a community event on March 20, 2019 to discuss the upcoming KKK Rally. This forum will be an opportunity to discuss how we should respond as a community, with a voice united. Any event that comes from this forum will be community-led, but the City of Dayton would like to help facilitate to make sure this event is safe and inclusive. Ms. Fields encouraged all Board members to attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

- Ms. Fields updated the Board on recent HRC positions and vacancies. She announced that RoShawn Winburn was selected as the new Business and Technical Assistance Administrator with a start date of April 8th. Interviews for the Sr. Civil Rights position are scheduled and it is anticipated that the candidate would start at the end of April.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE/DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Wahrab asked about a conversation that took place at the February Board meeting concerning the discussion about electing a Vice Chairperson and why it was not covered in the minutes. After discussion, it was decided that the minutes need to be more specific.
- HRC will monitor the Negotiated Settlement Agreement for Ava Heyes with quarterly updates to the Board on the housing situation to make sure the Respondent is honoring the NSA.
- The Board discussed at length the process for reconsiderations. Ms. Fields advised the Board that there is no language in the ordinance that speaks to reconsiderations but will consult the Law Department for guidance on developing written policy and procedures that cover the following:
 - Process by which in person arguments for reconsiderations are presented to the board to include length of presentation, engagement of the Board during the argument, length of time granted to the Board for making a final decision, and ability to enter into Executive Session for the arguments
 - Approval process to grant an in person argument. The Board agreed to add a stipulation in the process that they will not allow in person presentations with reconsideration unless they are bringing new evidence that the Board has not seen.
- The Board agreed to add to the April agenda the Vice Chair election to ensure all members had an opportunity to weigh in and offer feedback.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.