

## **BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of July 25, 2022 Meeting**

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission met beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022, in the McCloskey Conference Room of Showers City Hall. Present for this meeting were commissioners Ryne Shadday, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Byron Bangert and Pam Jackson. A quorum was present. Commissioners Valeri Haughton-Motley and Erin McAlister had given notice that they could not attend. Also present was Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney.

**Call to order:** Chair Shadday called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Roll call:** No roll call required since all members attending the meeting were in person.

**Approval of minutes from May 23, 2022 BHRC meeting:** Shadday noted one correction. Calloway-Thomas moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Bangert seconded. Passed unanimously. (The June, 2022 meeting of the BHRC was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.)

**Reports from commissioners:** Bangert said he was grateful that the HT recently ran a detailed story about problems at the jail. He said the county commission was more involved in this issue with the BHRC and helped on the recent study. He said it's clear we need either a new jail or we need to upgrade the current jail. He said the current jail's design makes working there labor-intensive. It's crowded and there's little room for programming. He said the jail is a human rights concern.

### **Unfinished business**

**2022 goals and objectives:** Shadday tabled the agenda item due to a lack of full participation of the commissioners at the July meeting.

**Lilly Lead Forward Community Grant update:** McKinney said DeCriscio-Bowe would have more on this at the next meeting. She said we just need to write a report for Lilly on how we used the money and issue them a refund for the unused portion of the grant funds. Callaway-Thomas said she enjoyed the clean-up morning. Shadday said some people thanked the commissioners for cleaning up the neighborhood. He would like to do that again in the future, preferably with more volunteers.

**Future of Policing Task Force update:** Calloway-Thomas said she had no report at this time. She said this agenda item could be removed from the agenda until further notice.

**Parade update:** Everyone who participated in the parade agreed it went well, if too fast. McKinney said we have quite a few bottles of bubbles left over. She distributed some of them from the Mayor at the Market table on July 23 and expects to distribute more of them at the CCA ADA anniversary table on July 30.

### **New business**

**CCA ADA Anniversary Celebration:** McKinney said that the CCA was having its annual ADA anniversary celebration at the market on July 30. A number of agencies and groups will be participating, including the BHRC. Participants who stop by the minimum number of tables will receive a cookie, and people who stop by the BHRC table may take a bottle of bubbles. The BHRC will be providing a quiz on the ADA. Commissioners are welcome to help staff the table from 9 to 12.

**Vacancy on the BHRC:** With Williams' resignation, the BHRC has a vacancy, a mayoral appointment. McKinney urged commissioners to think about people who might be good commissioners and urge them to apply on the city's web page.

**Quarterly report:** After discussion, Bangert moved that the director's second quarterly report for 2022 be approved as presented. Calloway-Thomas seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Assignment of new cases:** McKinney said that two cases are in the process of being filed but neither had been filed yet so they are not ready to be assigned.

**Other business:** Calloway-Thomas asked McKinney when she would be leaving the City. McKinney said at the end of the year. Calloway-Thomas asked if the City had started looking for a replacement. McKinney said that City Legal was beginning that process. Another attorney is resigning at the end of the summer so the department will need to fill two city positions.

**Public input:** No public input.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney