

## **BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of February 26, 2018 Meeting**

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission met at 5:30 on Monday, February 26, 2018, in the Kelly Conference Room. Present for this meeting were commissioners Byron Bangert, Rhonda Gambill, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, Ryne Shadday, Valeri Haughton Motely and Irena Micajkova Otten. A quorum was present. Also present was Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney.

#### **Approval of minutes of January 22, 2018 Human Rights Commission meeting:**

The BHRC approved the minutes of the January meeting by consensus.

#### **Approval of minutes of February 9, 2018 Contract Compliance Committee**

**meeting:** The BHRC approved the minutes of the February CCA meeting by consensus.

#### **Unfinished business**

**Essay/art contest update:** McKinney reported that Gambill and Micajkova-Otten had picked the winners of the art portion of the contest. Some of those entries will be on display in City Hall in April during Fair Housing Month. Calloway-Thomas and Shadday are working on judging the essays. The ceremony will be on April 5, 2018.

**Human rights award:** Bangert reported that he had presented the award to Bloomington PRIDE at a council meeting on January 21. He said the PRIDE representatives seemed pleased with the recognition and thanked the other commissioners who were able to attend the council meeting. McKinney thanked Bangert for his comments when making the award.

**VITAL quiz bowl update:** McKinney reported that she had paid the entry fee and that the quiz bowl will be held April 23 to April 26. Calloway-Thomas, Haughton Motley and Micajkova Otten all contributed to the entry fee. Bangert contributed at the January meeting. Shadday offered to serve on the team in McKinney's stead. Haughton Motley will check with Nicole Bolden to see if she wants to be on the team again this year.

**International children's singing event:** Micajkova Otten said that she was helping to coordinate a few children singing at the upcoming SPEA Global Fest.

She asked the commissioners to help her come up with other possible venues. Gambill suggested the Farmers' Market, possibly close to Children's Day, the second day in June. McKinney suggested contacting Marsha Veldman soon to see if there is any opportunity to do this at a farmer's market.

**Cross-commission bicentennial event update:** Gambill reported that they have almost completed the guidelines for entries. They are looking for partners, such as Mathers and the History Center. She asked McKinney if the BHRC could donate money for art supplies that children could have access to at the county museum; McKinney said she will look into that, possibly using our sponsorship budget line. The internal submission is due on 3/1; assuming it is approved, the submissions will be due on 6/29. Judging will be done the second week of July. The entries will be on display at the history center.

**Election of 2018 officers:** Haughton Motley nominated Bangert as chair, Shadday as vice chair and Carolyn Calloway-Thomas as secretary. Gambill seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Appointment to Commission on the Status of Black Males:** After discussion, the commissioners decided to ask McKinney to ask all four applicants, including the incumbent, to attend the March meeting for brief interviews.

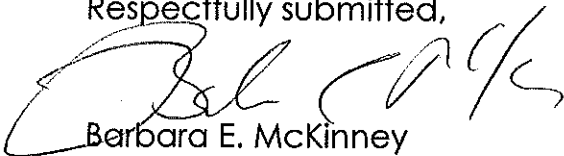
**Assignment of new cases:** There were no new cases to assign.

**Other business:** There was no other business.

**Public input:** There was no public input.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara E. McKinney  
Director, BHRC