

## **BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of February 25, 2019 Meeting**

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission met on Monday, February 25, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the McCloskey conference room at Showers City Hall. Present were commissioners Ryne Shadday, Irena Micajkova Otten, Byron Bangert and Carolyn Calloway-Thomas. Absent with notice was Val Haughton-Motley. Also present were Vickie Dacey from the League of Women Voters and Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney.

**Call to order:** Chairperson Shadday called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Approval of minutes of January 28, 2019 BHRC meeting minutes:** Calloway-Thomas moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Otten seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished business**

**Essay/art contest update:** McKinney reported that the BHRC had received essay and art entries. She distributed copies of the essays to the essay judges, Calloway-Thomas and Shadday. Otten and Haughton-Motley will need to set up a time to judge the art entries together. McKinney will send out a reminder email. The awards ceremony is set for April 1; McKinney asked that winners be determined no later than March 15.

**VITAL quiz bowl update:** McKinney reported that she had registered the team. Several commissioners contributed to the team's entry fee. The quiz bowl will take place in mid-April.

#### **New business**

**Indiana Native American Affairs Commission visitor proposal:** McKinney reported that MeLissa J. Williams, director of the Indiana Native American Affairs Commission, had written her. Williams is interested in speaking to the BHRC in the near future and also in setting up a town hall in Bloomington where local Native Americans could discuss issues of concern to them. The BHRC asked McKinney to extend an invitation.

**Revised respondent brochure:** The BHRC discussed the respondent brochure which Jessica Oswald had upgraded. The commissioners liked the new design. Bangert suggested that the web page be added underneath the telephone number.

**Revised flyer:** The BHRC also discussed and liked the revised flyer.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July parade:** The commissioners agreed to march in the 2019 parade. McKinney will invite the MCHRC and look for items to distribute.

**Women's History Month Lunch:** The BHRC agreed to have an exhibit table at the 2019 lunch, with Shadday and Oswalt to staff the table. McKinney and Oswalt will work on a power point display for the table.

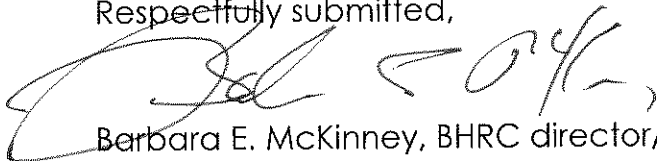
**Assignment of new cases:** No new cases to assign. The BHRC currently has two pending cases.

**Other business:** No other business.

**Public input:** No public input.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. McKinney', written over a horizontal line.

Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney