

## BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Minutes of April 22, 2019 Meeting

The Bloomington Human Rights Commission met on Monday, April 22, 2019, beginning at 5:37 p.m., in the McCloskey Conference Room of Showers City Hall. Present were commissioners Ryne Shadday, Irena Micajkova Otten, Byron Bangert, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas and Valeri Haughton Motley. A quorum was present. Also present were Vickie Darcy from the League of Women Voters and Barbara E. McKinney, BHRC director/attorney.

**Call to order:** Chair Shadday called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:** Haughton Motley moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Bangert seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### Unfinished business

**Facebook page:** The commissioners reviewed the information Oswalt had put together about the City's expectations for commissions' Facebook pages. Both Bangert and Calloway-Thomas expressed reluctance to devote any time developing content for a Facebook page. Shadday suggested revisiting the topic when the two vacancies on the BHRC have been filled. His suggestion received unanimous consent. All present agreed the BHRC does not need a twitter account.

**Fourth of July parade:** McKinney said that the MCHRC is looking into whether they can pay for human rights wrist bands. The commission authorized McKinney and Margie Rice from the MCHRC to agree on a design and place an order, subject to approval of the corporation counsel for the expense. Haughton Motley said she will be in town on the 4<sup>th</sup> and we can use her convertible again. Calloway Thomas said she would be in town and will participate. Bangert said he may be in town; Micajkova Otten said she would not be.

**VITAL quiz bowl:** The Rights Stuff won the first round, beating a team from Boston Scientific which consisted of one person, but lost in the second round to Arthur Murray. Calloway Thomas commended team members for their willingness to participate in the contest each year.

**Art/essay contest update:** Shadday and McKinney said the ceremony went well, with most if not all of the winners able to attend. McKinney shared a photo of the winners taken by Oswalt. McKinney urged more of the commissioners to attend next year. She said one adult at the ceremony suggested a theme for 2020: The Case for Reparations.

**New business**

**First quarter report:** The commissioners discussed some of the miscellaneous inquiries, including the question about alleged micro aggressions. Calloway Thomas moved that the report be approved as presented. Haughton Motley seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Updated brochure:** The commissioners commended Oswalt's skills in redesigning BHRC brochures and approved the newest one, with one correction: restore the top of the head of the man in the photo.

**New complaint:** Shadday accepted a case alleging discrimination in employment on the basis of race, sexual orientation, sex and/or disability.

**Other business:** none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara E. McKinney, director, BHRC