



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 8, 2014

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-120 (Madison Municipal Building)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Equal Opportunities Commission was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Bill Fetty, President. Attendance followed:

Present (10): Percy Brown, Jr., John Quinlan, Sean Saiz, Alder Anita Weier, David Bolles, Corinda Rainey-Moore, Charles McDowell, Bill Fetty, Shawn Peters, and Kathy Cramer (in at 5:45 P.M.)

Absent (2): Patricia Williams and Moriah Grace

Staff (4): Alyssa Riphon (EOD Administrative Clerk), Lucía Nuñez (Director of DCR), Charlyn Cruz-Nuñez (EOD Investigator/Conciliator), and Eric Kestin (EOD Investigator/Conciliator)

Presenters (2): Lynn Green (Director, Dane County Department of Human Services) and Melissa Gombar (DCR Affirmative Action Specialist)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Anita Weier moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2014 Equal Opportunities Commission meeting without correction. John Quinlan seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion: Homelessness in Madison

Lynn Green, Director of Dane County Human Services, aided in facilitating a discussion surrounding homelessness in Madison. Ms. Green explained services Dane County provides to people without homes, as well as funding sources and distribution. She also discussed current initiatives Dane County is conducting through partnerships with the City of Madison and various homeless advocate organizations. After her presentation, Ms. Green addressed questions of the commissioners.

(Kathy Cramer entered at 5:45 P.M.)

6. Discussion: Equal Opportunities Commission Retreat

The commission discussed the list of items before the commission which were supposed to be addressed at the retreat. The commission reviewed a poll of interest for each item. The commission agreed to re-poll with descriptions of each item. Charles McDowell moved to place an actionable item for the Homeless Protected Class item to the next Equal Opportunities Commission meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 12th. Percy Brown, Jr., seconded the motion, which was passed by voice vote/other.

7. Discussion: Disconnected Youth and Prisons

David Bolles introduced this item to the commission. He explained the problem of disconnected youth in Madison and their relationship to the court system. He advised the commission to review the item and forward the issue to the correct committees/commissions.

ACTION ITEMS

8. [33869](#) Establishing the City of Madison Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative.

Sponsors: Paul R. Soglin, Marsha A. Rummel, David Ahrens, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Maurice S. Cheeks, Joseph R. Clausius, Mark Clear, Lauren Cnare, Lucas Dailey, Denise DeMarb, Steve King, Larry Palm, Matthew J. Phair, Scott J. Resnick, Chris Schmidt, Paul E. Skidmore, John Strasser, Lisa Subeck, Michael E. Verveer, Anita Weier and Ledell Zellers

Attachments: [RESJ Report & Recommendations \(4/24/14\).pdf](#)

Melissa Gombar, Department of Civil Rights Affirmative Action Specialist, presented this initiative to the commission. After presentation, the commission discussed importance of accountability at the managerial level. Kathy Cramer moved to return this resolution to the lead (Board of Health for Madison and Dane County) with recommendation for approval. Alder Anita Weier seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote/other.

(John Quinlan exited the meeting at 6:23 P.M.; quorum still established)

(Lucía Nuñez exited the meeting at 6:36 P.M.)

(Sean Saiz exited the meeting at 6:40 P.M.; quorum still established)

REPORTS

9. Director's Report

In the absence of the director, the commission referred this item to the next Equal Opportunities Commission meeting scheduled for June 12, 2014.

10. Administrative Report

Alyssa Riphon presented reminders to the committee and coordinated a sit-in commissioner for the May 22, 2014 EOC Appeals Committee meeting.

11. President's Report

In his report, Bill Fetty notified the commission of upcoming officer elections to take place at the next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2014. He also updated the group of current and upcoming vacancies within the commission.

12. Executive Committee Report

There was no report by the EOC Executive Committee.

13. Appeals Committee Report

There was no report by the EOC Appeals Committee.

14. **FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no future topics from the floor.

15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bill Fetty announced and explained the Coalition for Public Education.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

David Bolles moved to adjourn the Equal Opportunities Commission meeting. Chuck McDowell seconded the motion, which was passed by voice vote/other.