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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Thursday, October 17, 2019

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 153 (Madison Municipal Building)

Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened? Who does not have a voice at the table? How can policy makers mitigate unintended consequences?

A recording of this meeting can be found at:
<https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/52033f3f2d4747899747e5363722a4c91d>

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Rainey-Moore called the meeting to order at 5 PM

Present: Corinda Rainey Moore, Charles McDowell, Richelle Andrae, Danielle Dieringer, Zach Madden, Melanie Ramey, Luke Schieve, Donna Moreland, Autumn Neugent

Excused: Rebecca Kemble, Sheray Wallace, Caitlin Badsing, Bethany Matson

Present: 9 - Donna V. Moreland; Melanie G. Ramey; Richelle R. Andrae; Autumn N. Neugent; Luke B. Schieve; Danielle A. Dieringer; Charles E. McDowell; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

Excused: 4 - Rebecca Kemble; Sheray L. Wallace; Caitlin D. Badsing and Bethany L. Matson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Schieve, seconded by Dieringer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There are no disclosures or recusals

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [56845](#) Accepting the white paper titled “Equitable Development in Madison: An assessment of factors contributing to displacement and gentrification”.

Sponsors: Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

Recommendations:

1. The EOC would like an update in about six months about the progress made in addressing these issues and what action plan is being put in place.
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A motion was made by McDowell, seconded by Dieringer, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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2. [57430](#) EOC Rule Change to Allow Electronic Signatures on Complaints

A motion was made by Madden, seconded by Ramey, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [57421](#) Discussion on Fair Housing Council Release - HUD attempts to gut core Civil Rights

A motion was made by Dieringer, seconded by Ramey, to Approve.

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Andrae proposed specifying what the EOC's mission is by adding reference to the ordinance that they enforce.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [57423](#) Discussion Item: EOC's role relating to impacting policy changes and community training

EOC will turn the focus to state level advocacy to start pushing for changes in tenant-landlord laws. They will inquire into if the city has a lobbyist at the state level. When CDA hires a new manager, they will invite that manager to come to a meeting and share the experiences the EOC has been told about by community members,. The commissioners want to learn from and partner with some statewide organizations that are already doing the work around housing and see how they can promote that work. The EOC Executive Committee will create a work plan at their next meeting.

5. [57765](#) EOD Manager Report:
Technology updates, HUD Project updates, Training and Outreach, Special
Projects, Employment/Housing/Public Accommodations Updates

See attachment

This report was Discuss and Finalize

FUTURE TOPICS

The EOC will develop a work plan to increase their advocacy at the state level for housing issues. An invite will be extended to the new CDA manager, once they are hired, to attend a meeting and discuss the housing concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dieringer, seconded by McDowell, to Adjourn at 6:25 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.