



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 20, 2014

5:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission was called to order at 5:07 P.M. with President Bill Fetty presiding. Attendance followed:

Present: John Quinlan, Kira Stewart, Charles McDowell, Bill Fetty, Corinda Rainey-Moore, Kathy Cramer, Alder Anita Weier, Sean Saiz, Moriah Grace
Absent: None

Excused: Percy Brown, Jr., Susan Schmitz

Others Present: Lucia Nuñez (Director, Dept. Civil Rights), Alyssa Riphon (EOD Administrative Clerk, Dept. Civil Rights), Charlyn Cruz-Nuñez (EOD Investigator/Conciliator, Dept. Civil Rights)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles McDowell moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Equal Opportunities Commission meeting without correction. Sean Saiz 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 / ACTION ITEMS

5. [36265](#) Approval of press release by the EOC Executive Committee encouraging minority candidates to run for the April election

Attachments: [Press Release DRAFT - Madison Equal Opportunities Commission Urges Mi](#)

The commission discussed drafted press release and tracked changes to grammar and content. Alder Weier moved to approve the drafted press release with the corrections. Corinda Rainey-Moore seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote/other.

6. [35777](#) Article, "Why Madison, Wis. Is the Top 100 Best Place to Live 2015" by *Livability*

Attachments: [Why Madison, Wis. Is the Top 100 Best Place to Live 2015.pdf](#)
[DRAFT EOC Response to "Why Madison, Wis. Is the Top 100 Best Place to](#)

The commission discussed inaccuracies in the article and avenues for response. Members engaged in conversation surrounding housing affordability, availability of employment, and wages. They also discussed groups of people and cultures ignored by the article, including people without homes. Kathy Cramer moved to refer this item to the EOC Executive Committee to draft a letter to the editor and local press reacting to this article to be presented at the next Equal Opportunities Commission. Chuck McDowell seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote/other.

REPORTS

7. Director's Report

Lucía Nuñez provided members of the commission with a report on the following topics:

- Madison Equal Opportunities Division met their 2013 Fair Employment Practice Agency contracted case submissions to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Successful Foro Civico event

8. President's Report

Bill Fetty reported on behalf of the EOC Executive Committee on the following topics:

- Equal Opportunities Commission Retreat (scheduled for the April Equal Opportunities Commission meeting)
- Diversity and elections item
- Disconnected youth and prison systems item

9. Committee Reports

Common Council Report

- Alder Anita Weier reported on the adopted budget
- Planning Commission approved the location of housing for people without homes

EOC Employment Subcommittee Report

- There was no report, as the meeting for the month of November was cancelled due to quorum issues.
- Staff updated the Commission regarding possible structural changes to be made to the subcommittee

MLK Humanitarian Award Commission

- John Quinlan provided an update to the Commission
- New manual approved by the Humanitarian Award Commission outlining process and rules
- Outreach for the 2015 award
- John Quinlan resigning from the HAC, and Corinda Rainey-Moore to replace

10. FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

- "Restorative Court" presentation

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Centro Hispano banquet taking place November 21, 2014
- "Santas without Chimneys" update by Bill with timeline for donations and community events

12. ADJOURNMENT

John Quinlan moved to adjourn the meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission at 6:27 P.M. The motion was seconded by Sean Saiz, and passed by voice vote/other.