



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

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Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:00 PM

East Madison Community Center  
8 Straubel Court  
Meeting Room

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by chair Corinda Rainey-Moore at 5:05pm.

#### Others present:

Orchard Ridge UCC Volunteer Helene Nelson, Sheray Wallace (member of the public), Madison College Intern Johna Schneider, EOD Administrative Clerk Josue Peralta.

**Present:** 8 - Rebecca Kemble; Caitlin D. Badsing; Melanie G. Ramey; Adam W. Brabender; Danielle A. Dieringer; Charles E. McDowell; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Sean A. Saiz

**Excused:** 3 - Sofia N. Ascorbe; Jose E. Rea and Moriah N. Grace

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melanie Ramey moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 11, 2017 without correction. The motion was seconded by Brabender, and passed by voice vote.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### 4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### REPORTS

#### 5. EOD Division Manager, Byron Bishop

Administrative Clerk Josue Peralta read out Manager Bishop's report to the commissioners. Commissioner Rainey Moore spoke of the Employment Subcommittee of the Commission and the viability of its current role. Commissioner Madden motioned to formally draft a resolution to recommend the dissolution of the Employment Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Adam Brabender. In the following discussion, the commissioners talked about how the Subcommittee's functions and roles were being fulfilled elsewhere and those that weren't, for example the helping with mock

interviews and coaching on employability skills. Alder Kemble noted she would talk to Byron Bishop to write up the resolution and gather the needed information. The motioned passed via voice vote.

6. Common Council

Alder Rebecca Kemble spoke about a proposed partnership between the Dane County Sheriff Department and Madison Metro. The partnership would consist of Metro renting out buses to the Sheriff's Department who would then use them as mobile surveillance units in an effort to crack down on texting while driving. She expressed her opposition for the bill and is looking to have it be referred to the Equal Opportunities Commission when it comes to the Common Council agenda. The commissioners desired to talk about this topic at their next meeting, with the invitation of proponents of it as well as a representative from Madison Metro.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

7. [47595](#) Discussion on housing initiatives in the City

Citizen member Sheray Wallace spoke to the commission about housing issues in her neighborhood, the Meadowood Neighborhood. In review of a presentation she gave earlier in the year regarding the problem, she detailed how residents in the area are finding it increasingly difficult to remain in their homes due to new regulations from new management companies buying properties in the area. Many either can't afford to remain or don't qualify for rent renewal. Helene Nelson, a volunteer from Orchard Ridge UCC, also spoke to the matter. She spoke about how the housing issue is city wide, but has the Meadowood hard with the non renewal of leases. In addition, she mentioned how the housing issues as a whole stems from a combination of things, and thus makes it difficult to come up with a comprehensive solution. As such, Ms. Nelson noted the importance of coming to the helping agencies with creative solutions and using what we have to drive progress. The commissioners had a chance to ask questions and discuss the issues among themselves, Sheray Wallace, and Helene Nelson.

8. [47658](#) Update of Equal Opportunities Commission rules

Madison College Intern Johna Schneider talked to the commissioners about the project to update the current commission rules. The commissioners are to review the rules and come to the following meeting with suggested changes. Any questions can be forward to the Administrative Clerk Josue Peralta.

9. [47135](#) Update of EOC's Employment Subcommittee rules

The Commission discussed this item during the Divison Manager's Report.

10. **FUTURE TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR**

- Invite representative from the Yahara House to present
- Discussion on Appeals Manual

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Melanie Ramey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. The motion was seconded by Brabender and passed via voice vote.