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Meeting Minutes - Approved EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 13, 2010

5:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m., Nia Enemuoh-Trammell presiding.

Present: 7 -

Nia Enemuoh-Trammell; Brian Benford; John L. Quinlan; Katherine Cramer Walsh; Amanda L. Harrington; Charles E. McDowell and Steven H. Morrison

Absent: 2 -

Brian L. Solomon and Donna V. Hurd

Excused: 2 -

Coco Bustamante and Bert G. Zipperer

Staff: Lucia Nuñez, Melissa Gombar, Danielle Nesi, and Eric Kestin

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Benford, to Approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting with one change - Cramer Walsh left before Item #10 instead of after Item #14.

The motion passed by voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. 18865

Report on Commission Role in Appeals Process

Attachments: [Report on Commission Role in Appeals Process.pdf](#)

Presented by Nesi – Nesi gave a summary of her handout and took questions from Commissioners. Commission asked if Nesi would be available at a future meeting and Kestin answered that if Nesi is not available he would be available

and he helped Nesi prepare the report.

Commission requested that the handout be sent to all Commissioners.

Alder Solomon arrived at this time.

- Present:** 8 -
Brian L. Solomon; Nia Enemuoh-Trammell; Brian Benford; John L. Quinlan; Katherine Cramer Walsh; Amanda L. Harrington; Charles E. McDowell and Steven H. Morrison
- Absent:** 1 -
Donna V. Hurd
- Excused:** 2 -
Coco Bustamante and Bert G. Zipperer

5. [17878](#) Discussion regarding returning to the full Commission review of cases on appeal

The EOC Executive Committee has requested that the full Commission discuss this issue prior to their making a recommendation for action.

Nuñez, Enemuoh-Trammell, and Morrison explained background for this issue.

Motion: Table this item to hear Zipperer's concerns for originally raising this issue.

Moved: Morrison; **Seconded:** Benford. **Passed by voice vote.**

6. [17716](#) RECONSTITUTE THE EOC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TASERS

Attachments: [2009 Taser Report.pdf](#)
[MPD Taser Data.pdf](#)
[07.30.2009 EOC Taser Comte Minutes.pdf](#)

Enemuoh-Trammell introduced discussion and indicated that Hurd was interested in reconstituting this Committee.

Benford had served on the previous Committee and indicated that he understood the Madison Police Department would send periodic reports to the EOC Executive Committee and that the Ad Hoc Committee would continue to meet as necessary to review the report and/or address other issues that came up related to Tasers.

Enemuoh-Trammell indicated that instead of reconstituting the Committee, the previous Committee would meet as necessary.

If the Committee were to be reconstituted, Harrington is willing to serve with Hurd and Benford.

Gombar volunteered to send out information from the previous Ad Hoc Committee on Tasers to the reconstituted Ad Hoc Committee prior to their next meeting.

7. [15179](#) PRESIDENT'S REPORT--For information only. No action required.

Nia Enemuoh-Trammell, EOC President, will summarize meetings attended and other related activities on behalf of the Commission since the last Commission meeting. For information only. Any item raised for future discussion will be posted on the next agenda.

Enemuoh-Trammell presented and went through her activities. Met with Attorney Mitch and learned that the Neighborhood Law Project was not taking discrimination complaints for a period of time. His students begin meeting again in June and Enemuoh-Trammell has been invited to speak to the class. She is also in conversations with the City Attorney's office regarding a litigation manual from this Commission.

Enemuoh-Trammell reports that she has met with Nuñez and Quinlan regarding future roles of the Commission and recruiting people to serve on Commissions.

Donna Hurd arrived at this time.

Present: 9 -

Brian L. Solomon; Nia Enemuoh-Trammell; Brian Benford; John L. Quinlan; Katherine Cramer Walsh; Amanda L. Harrington; Charles E. McDowell; Donna V. Hurd and Steven H. Morrison

Excused: 2 -

Coco Bustamante and Bert G. Zipperer

Enemuoh-Trammell has also spoken with Quinlan regarding Fair Housing. She also had contact with Stuart Levitan regarding eminent domain issues and the CDA not being informed prior to this issue being put on EOC Executive Committee Agenda.

Commission moved to Item #10a. at this time.

10a. [08358](#) COMMITTEE REPORTS--For information only. No action required.

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- a. EOC Executive Committee
- b. EOC Employment Committee

a. EOC Executive Committee: The Committee looked at eminent domain issues regarding homes on Badger Road and discussed whether the Commission should look into this issue. The conclusion of the Executive Committee was that there have been so few instances of eminent domain occurring in the City of Madison that there is not enough of a sampling of cases for the Commission to study the phenomenon. The Executive Committee is waiting to hear from the City Attorney's office to see if the EOC has jurisdiction over this issue.

Hearing Examiner Blackwell explained to the Executive Committee that he and

ACA Roger Allen were working on amending MGO 39.03 so that the ALRC will be informed as soon as a complaint is filed against a local establishment that has an alcohol license. This will be discussed at the next Executive Committee. Nuñez indicated that due to this concern she contacted Solomon and the City Attorney's office to stop the process of MGO 39.03 amendments until this issue is clarified.

The Commission moved back to Item #8 on the agenda. Item #10b. will be taken in order.

8. [17832](#)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- For information only. No action required.

Lucía Nuñez, DCR Director, will report on the following:

- a. Her activities and meetings since the last meeting.
- b. Update on agency activities.

Nuñez reported that support for the Racial Disparities Report passed unanimously at Common Council. Nuñez met with Celia Jackson, Colleen Butler, Joel Plant, and the Mayor to discuss what the City can do with this issue. She also discussed Driver's License recovery and the possibility of a Youth Court being established for adults.

9. [12507](#)

COMMON COUNCIL UPDATE--For information only. No action required.

Ald. Brian Solomon will provide an update on Common Council actions since the last Commission meeting.

Regarding the EOC being able to bring forth Resolutions directly to the Common Council, Zipperer was the only Commissioner to show up: All three Commissions had approved it but only one Commissioner went to the Common Council Meeting. The measure might have received more votes if other Commissioners had shown up and spoken for the Resolution.

The Edgewater is dominating the Common Council conversation. Solomon has met with the developer a number of times regarding getting minority hires into TIF agreements, apprenticeship agreements, etc. The developer did not put in nearly as much as Solomon requested.

Gang violence occurred last week and some Alders are requesting more law enforcement. Solomon sent a message to Chief Noble Wray and the Mayor's Office requesting that the approach should be multi-disciplinary and not only involve law enforcement.

The Low-income Bus Pass Committee has been created with respect to last year's bus fare increases. A report just went to Transit Parking Commission that recommends that stability be brought to this program.

10b. [08358](#)

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- a. EOC Executive Committee
- b. EOC Employment Committee

b. EOC Employment Committee: McDowell presented. He indicated that he was sick and not able to attend last meeting but plans to attend the next one.

11. [13853](#) APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT

For information only. No action required.

No report.

12. [15741](#) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

The Commission requested that training on age discrimination be added to the EOC Executive Committee's July agenda and that staff be available to speak to the current training.

The Commission requested that an Appointment / Nominations Committee be created and added to the June EOC Agenda, because elections are coming up soon.

Enemuoh-Trammell stated that the Commission wishes to hold an event for Morrison and other Commissioners that have served for a long period of time, perhaps a potluck at a future Commission meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Hurd, to Adjourn at 5:53 p.m.
Motion passed by voice vote.

Minutes prepared by Eric Kestin.