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Meeting Minutes EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

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

Thursday, August 11, 2022

5:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm, Madden presiding.

Staff: Chelsea Schult

1. PUBLIC COMMENT (08/11/22 meeting)

Steven Wheeler, 11 Gray Birch Trl, Neither support nor oppose, 73015

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Ramey, seconded by Wallace, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

NEW BUSINESS

2. Housing Updates in the City of Madison

Maria Davila and Chelsea Volden-Stammen from Community Development shared a presentation with the Commission.

3. Truth & Reconciliation Process

**Motion by Wallace, seconded by to
The Commission has decided to send the final draft Invite for the Working Group to the EOC Executive Committee for approval. Once approved the Executive Committee will share the Invitation letter with DCR to share out.**

4. 2022 Reverend Wright Award

A motion was made by Benford, seconded by Ramey, to recommend Wayne Strong as the 2022 Rev Wright Award recipient.

The Commission also decided to move all unselected 2022 nominees forward to 2023 for consideration.

5. Recruitment of New Commissioners and Filling of Vacancies

The Commission discussed the current vacancies. Melanie Ramey is going to reach out to the Commissioners individually to seek their service on either the Exec Committee or Appeals Committee.

6. 2022 EOC Retreat

The Commission discussed this.

7. Housing Issues in Madison: What can the EOC do and who can they partner with to address the continuing problems?

Motion by Benford, seconded by Ramey, to approve Byron Bishop, Equal Opportunities Division Manager, to engage in conversations with Chez about next steps in the municipality collaborations.

8. WSJ Editorial Board and Reporting Bias/Discrimination

The Commission discussed this item.

9. EOD Manager Report:
Technology updates, HUD Project updates, Training and Outreach, Special Projects, Employment/Housing/Public Accommodations Updates
- The EOD Manager's Report was shared via email prior to the meeting. The EOC did not have any questions.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. EOC Commissioner Bios
- The EOC deferred this item to the EOC Retreat next month.**
11. How can the EOC partner with the City on school safety issues to ensure they are making changes in a non-discriminatory way that address issues the students are facing today?
- The EOC discussed this item.**
12. How can the EOC communicate and share information with the public.
- The EOC discussed this item.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.