

DAVENPORT CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING
September 11, 2018
Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 14, 2018

The Davenport Civil Rights Commission (DCRC) met at 12:003 pm, Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in the first-floor conference room at the Davenport City Hall. Commissioner Susie Greenwalt presided. A quorum was met.

Commissioners Present

Clyde Mayfield
Shylee Garrett
Susie Greenwalt
Judy Shawver
Ben Hahn
Nicole Briebriesco-Ledger
Helen Roberson

Commissioners Absent

None

Other Person(s) Present

Bill Lukitsch, QC Times
Dennis Platt – Community person from the 6th Ward
Katrina Lasanasky – WQAD
Stephanie Mattox - WQAD

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Helen Roberson, seconded by Ben Hahn. The agenda was approved by all commissioners present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Nicole Briebriesco-Ledger, seconded by Shylee Garrett. Minutes approved by all commissioners present.

Director's Report

- No "right to sue" letters issued for the period.
- Settlement of one housing discrimination case. Leaser was directed to a non-existent address after being refused a walkthrough of the unit that she requested.
- Discussion of terms settled on case scheduled for public hearing.
- 8/18/18 Block party held at Fairmount Library for the program being sponsored there, with school supply giveaway.
- There will be a training session held at Eastern Avenue Library on September 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on housing discrimination (race-based outcome versus race).
- Commissioners Clyde Mayfield and Susie Greenwalt agreed to attend session held at St. Ambrose University on September 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. on hate crimes.

Motion to accept the Director's report made by Judy Shawver, seconded by Clyde Mayfield.

New Business

Library agreement: Funds granted in the amount of \$1260.00 will be transferred to the library's account. The monies can be used to set up a food forest with the hopes of establishing a sensory garden for persons with disabilities to use in the future.

Commissioner Judy Shawver made a motion to enter into an agreement to create a "food forest" behind the library to help provide food, community building resources and civil rights information sharing to community members, seconded by Commissioner Nicole Briebresco-Ledger. Motion approved.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

Community member, Dennis Platt questioned the reasoning behind the Civil Rights Commission Director did not receive the usual 2% cost of living raise that is provided annually to all city employees. Platt questioned the inconsistency with City policies and practices as they applied to Commission employees. Platt asked if the city's proposal that 3 city councilmembers are to oversee the commission, would that eliminate all complaints filed through the commission.

Discussion: Councilperson Marion Meginnis has contacted some Commissioners to discuss meeting with the Commission. The Commission believes that the Council would benefit from an educational opportunity to learn about the function and purpose of the Commission. There will be a public meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Main Street Library from 6 til 7:30 pm to educate council and the public about the functioning of the office, staff and role of the Commission.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:35 pm. Motion made by Commissioner Ben Hahn, seconded by Commissioner Clyde Mayfield.

The next meeting scheduled for Davenport Civil Rights Commission is September 11, 2018.

DCRC meeting scheduled for August 30, 2018 was cancelled. Due to computer issues, the announcement did not go out in time.