

DAVENPORT CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 13, 2018

The Davenport Civil Rights Commission (DCRC) met at 12:08 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the first floor conference room at the Davenport City Hall. Commission President Susie Greenwalt presided

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Judy Shawver
Clyde Mayfield – via phone
Susie Greenwalt
Helen Roberson
Shylee Garret – via phone
Ben Hahn

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Nicole Bribriesco Ledger

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

Director, Latrice Lacey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On motion by Judy Shawver, seconded by Helen Roberson, the agenda was approved by all commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Judy Shawver, seconded by Helen Roberson, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2018 were approved. All commissioners voted yes.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:

The Director advised that there is a case pending in Scott County District Court arguing that the Davenport Civil Rights Commission does not have the authority to issue right to sue letters for protected class categories that are not protected classes under the Iowa Civil Rights Act. That is not the position of the DCRC, nor the position of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

Motion to accept the Director's report was made by Judy Shawver and seconded by Helen Roberson. Motion passed with all commissioners voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director distributed the Memorandum of Understanding from the Davenport Community Advisory Panel (DCAP). After discussion, Motion by Clyde Mayfield to participate and authorize Susie Greenwalt to sign the MOU was seconded by Helen Roberson. All commissioners voting yes.

Director Lacey distributed financial and budget reports what she is able to produce from the City's finance system, MUNIS. The Commissioners were not able to discern what they meant nor were they useful on any level. We were advised the City does not provide ANY financial reporting and directs the DCRC staff to produce their own reports from the MUNIS system. The Commissioners asked that Director Lacey arrange to have someone from City Finance Department present to the Commission regarding how to produce and interpret the financial information available, hopefully at the next meeting.

Commissioner terms for Helen Roberson, Susie Greenwalt and Clyde Mayfield all expire on November 30, 2018. None of the Commissioners, nor the Director have been contacted by the Mayor as to whether they will be re-appointed or if others have been appointed. Ben Hahn offered to reach out to the Mayor for an update.

On Motion by Commissioner Judy Shawver, seconded by Commissioner Helen Roberson, the Commission went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a), with all Commissioners present and by roll call vote, voting yes at 1:18 p.m.

Reconvening in Open Session:

On Motion by Commissioner Judy Shawver, seconded by Commissioner Helen Roberson and all Commissioners present and by roll call vote, voting yes; the Commission reconvened in open session at 1:41 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding the meeting format was moved to the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

At 1:42 pm after motion by Judy Shawver the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting scheduled for Davenport Civil Rights Commission is December 11, 2018 at noon.

Submitted by Judy Shawver.