



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers
Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frances Rigberg Baker, Kevin Bowersox-Johnson, Samuel Byndom, Daniel Larson, Lisa Mosley, Peter Resnick, Aisha Lamb Sobh

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jeniece Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Alex Bautista

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- a. Chair Larson called this meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Mr. Bowersox-Johnson made a motion that the Commission approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mosley seconded the motion. Chair Larson called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. December 9, 2015 Meeting
- i. Ms. Mosley made a motion that the Commission approve the draft minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting. Mr. Bowersox-Johnson seconded the motion. Chair Larson called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously; the draft minutes were approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. There was none.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of new Commissioner, Samuel Byndom
 - i. Mr. Bautista introduced new Commissioner Samuel Byndom to the Commission. Comments from Mr. Byndom followed Mr. Bautista’s introduction.
- b. Presentation on Mass Incarceration and the Education Justice Project (EJP) at the University of Illinois by Rebecca Ginsburg, Director
 - i. Mr. Bautista introduced and gave a brief biography to the Commission on Ms. Ginsburg and her work. Following the introduction, Ms. Ginsburg gave a presentation to the Commission on the mission and work of the Education Justice Project at the University of Illinois. Comments and questions from the Commission and from City staff were addressed by Ms. Ginsburg during the course of her presentation.
- c. Recess
 - i. Following the presentation, Mr. Bautista requested a five-minute recess. Chair Larson declared the meeting in recess at 6:29 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Larson.
- d. Resolution No. 2016-01-001-A: A Resolution Accepting the Final Report of the Urbana IDOT Traffic Stop Data Task Force, Volume I and Volume II
 - i. Ms. Rigberg Baker, having authored the resolution, introduced the draft resolution and gave opening commentary on the same. Comments from the Commission were addressed by Ms. Rigberg Baker and by City staff. Discussion ensued. Following discussion, Mr. Resnick made a motion that the Commission approve and adopt the draft resolution as presented. Ms. Mosley seconded the motion. Chair Larson called for a roll-call vote. Roll was taken and the votes were as follows:

Rigberg Baker	yes	Mosley	yes
Bowersox-Johnson	yes	Resnick	yes
Byndom	yes	Lamb Sobh	yes
Larson	yes		

With seven (7) “yes” votes and zero (0) “no” votes, the motion carried unanimously and Resolution No. 2016-01-001-A was adopted by the Commission.

- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Community Relations Committee
 - 1. Ms. Mosley reported on recent Community Relations Committee activities. Discussion among Commissioners and staff ensued.
 - ii. Criminal Justice Committee
 - 1. There was nothing to report, per Chair Larson. Mr. Byndom was appointed to serve on the Criminal Justice Committee with Chair Larson.
 - iii. Ordinance Enforcement Committee
 - 1. There was nothing to report, per Mr. Resnick. Mr. Resnick requested that the Human Relations Office facilitate scheduling a meeting of the Ordinance Enforcement Committee to include Ms. Lamb Sobh, Mr. Bautista and himself.
 - iv. Training & Development Committee
 - 1. There was nothing to report, per Mr. Bowersox-Johnson. A discussion on creating generic business cards for the Human Relations Commission was undertaken. Ms. Rigberg Baker requested inclusion of a tagline.

7. STAFF REPORT

- a. Approval of EEO Workforce Statistics
 - i. There were none. Mr. Bautista briefed the Commission on upcoming improvements to the City's contractor/vendor certification system.
- b. HRO Activity Report
 - i. Mr. Bautista reviewed the monthly activity report with the Commission, addressing Commission comments and questions during the course of his review.
- c. Budget Report
 - i. Recording Secretary Tony Weck presented the Commission with the budget report.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Larson announced that the 15th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Countywide Celebration would take place at Parkland College on Friday, January 15th. Chair Larson encouraged all to attend.
- b. Ms. Mosley announced that the week of January 18th through the 23rd was designated as National No Name-Calling Week.
- c. Mr. Bautista noted that he would look into any recent I.C.E. activity within the community and update the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Larson declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Weck
Recording Secretary