

Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations

Minutes of Meeting

December 2, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Wasiullah Mohamed, Chair
Michael Bartley
David C. Bush
Sonya Toler
Rev. Liddy Barlow
Rabbi Sharyn Henry
Jennifer Presutti
BJ Samson
Zack Block
Tracy Baton

Absent commissioners: J. Matthew Landis

Staff: Megan Stanley, Director
Wesley Speary, Deputy Director
Rita Porterfield
Jam Hammond

Guests: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mohamed called the meeting to order at approximately 7:25 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

☞ Motion by Commissioner Bush; Seconded by Commissioner Bartley; voice vote in favor of the motion

☞ Commissioner Baton Abstains; no votes in opposition

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

V. COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report

- ☞ Mediation Training was completed and already utilized to secure three large sum settlements
- ☞ Mayor's Budget
 - ❖ Not much community outreach or engagement
 - ❖ Better engagement with larger demographic representation of the City is necessary
 - ❖ Example in the participatory budget process as implemented by the Jackson Mississippi Commission on Human Relations
- ☞ Greater Pittsburgh Non-Profit Conference
 - ❖ Scheduled for 12/3/19 at the Wyndham, downtown Pittsburgh;
 - ❖ CREATE Lab will give same presentation as was given tonight with the Commission
- ☞ Full presentation from CREATE Lab is expected in April 202
 - ❖ Edits will include City Limits
 - ❖ Possibly dual screens
 - ❖ Possibility to overlay data
 - ❖ Provide more historical context
 - ❖ Better citations to data sources
 - ❖ This project is a continuing conversation, and CREATE Lab is open to comments and notes for improvement
- ☞ CRS Meeting scheduled for 12/9/19
- ☞ Commission Staff will be undergoing fair housing training from HUD/FHP on Thursday, December 5 and Friday December 6.
- ☞ Great increase in attendance for the public community meeting, especially as compared to last year; need to continue more and better, tech savvy, outreach efforts
- ☞ Budget asks are all still on the table for approval

Finance Committee: None

Community Relations Committee

- ☞ The committee has not yet met but expressed goals.
- ☞ Meeting will be scheduled within the next 30 days.
- ☞ Focus will be on youth community development and curriculum that could be expanded to adults.
- ☞ Meeting with Stacy Abrams census campaign

☞ Meeting with County officials regarding a public position on conversion therapy

Housing Committee

☞ Fair Housing assessment done by the University of Pittsburgh is still going through drafts and edits, leaving many unanswered questions from Commissions and Executive Director

☞ Contract documents related to the project are available for Commissioners to review

Personnel Committee

☞ None

Public Hearing Committee

☞ The case on the public hearing track has settled.

VI. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

☞ **Meeting dates for the 2020 Calendar Year:**

1. 1/6/2020
2. 2/3/2020
3. 3/2/2020
4. 4/6/2020
5. 5/4/2020
6. 6/1/2020
7. 7/13/2020
8. 8/31/2020
9. 10/5/2020
10. 11/2/2020
11. 12/7/2020
12. Motion to accept dates as presented orally by Commissioner Bush; Seconded by Commissioner Baton; unanimous voice vote in favor to carry the motion; no abstentions.

☞ Outreach log:

1. Review of handout
2. 11/21/19 Community Intake yielded one (1) filed complaint
3. Councilperson Strassburger wants to team up for a community intake event

4. Word of mouth among healthcare workers are increasing community awareness of the Commission; Dep. Dir. Speary recognized Jam and Tyler for their continued work in this area.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Baton; Seconded by Commissioner Bartley; unanimous voice vote in favor, no abstentions. Adjourned 8:30 p.m.