

Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission Minutes

September 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission (EPHRC) Board was held at the Brownsville Community Center on September 4, 2019 at 4pm.

Board Members Present: Patrick Boudreaux, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Harold Griffin, Jr., Ron Helms, Joyce Hopson, Lumon May, and Brian Wyer

Excused Absences: Randy Bricker and Kevin Mair

Staff Present: Aretta Green, Escambia County; Kia Johnson, Escambia County; Don Kraher, City of Pensacola; Clara Long, Escambia County; Meredith Reeves, Escambia County

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm. Board members and staff introduced themselves and roll call was administered by sign-in sheet.
- II. AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Jewel Cannada-Wynn to accept the agenda; Brian Wyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion made by Jewel Cannada-Wynn to approve the minutes of the 8/7/19 meeting. Patrick Boudreaux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. ELECTION OF TREASURER:
 - A. Vice-Chair: Motion was made by Ron Helms to accept the resignation of Jewel Cannada-Wynn as Vice Chair. Seconded by Harold Griffin, Jr. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Ron Helms to accept Brian Wyer as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Jewel Cannada-Wynn. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Treasurer: Motion was made by Ron Helms to accept Jewel Cannada-Wynn as Treasurer. Seconded by Brian Wyer. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. PROPOSED BUDGET: Meredith Reeves presented proposed budget to Board Members.
 - A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 1. The Board discussed alternate *office space* from the current County owned space at 2257 N. Baylen, with the understanding that Ms. Cannada-Wynn will provide an update regarding 1015 N. E Street in October. The Board felt that staff should continue to use the Baylen property until an alternate could be secured.
 2. The Board discussed requesting the City/County could create a web page for the Human Relations Commission on their site. The County currently has a Fair Housing page that will be submitted to the Board for review.
 3. Staff requested to review condition of current computers owned by HRC.
 4. The Board discussed about requesting some up front funds from the City to set up a bank account.

- B. Motion made by Brian Wyer to approve the proposed 2019/20 budget for submission to the County and City. Seconded by Harold Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Motion made by Jewel Cannada-Wynn to approve the CDBG budget and authorize County staff to prepare the CDBG Fair Housing agreement to take to the next available BCC meeting. Seconded by Patrick Boudreaux. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. The Board dropped all items related to prior HRC Board debts.
- VI. PERSONNEL
 - A. Executive Director: Motion made by Joyce Hopson to hire an Executive Director on a temporary basis for up to six months at a salary of \$28.85/hr, with a request to the BCC to hire the individual under their Blue Arbor contract with HRC accounts are being established. Seconded by Jewel Cannada-Wynn. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. The specific job duties of the executive director were discussed and is was requested to bring a formal description back to the Board. The Board would like City/County staff to review applications and provide the Board with the top 3-5 applicants for consideration.
- VII. OPEN FORUM: Jewel Cannada-Wynn noted that the book, *Beyond Integration: The Black Freedom Struggle in Escambia County, Florida, 1960-1980* by J. Michael Butler provides a great background on the Human Relations Commission.
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 5:06pm

Next Meeting: September 18, 2019, 4pm
Brownsville Community Center, 3200 W. DeSoto Street, Room 210

Approved: September 18, 2019