

## Monroe County Human Rights Commission

Minutes April 27, 2022 5:00 – 5:40 pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Members present in person – Eric Sader, President; Byron Bangert, Vice President; Susan Gray, Secretary; Kathleen Sideli. Present via phone – Goldburn Maynard. Doris Parlette is absent – out of country.  
Staff present via phone – Molly Turner-King, County Attorney.
2. New business:
  - A. Eric welcomed Molly Turner-King to the MCHRC as our staff attorney. She has been with Monroe County since 2008 and replaces Margie Rice as our staff attorney. Molly hopes to join the meetings in person most of the time, but today she had another commitment that ended just before meeting time.
  - B. If the MCHRC uses an agenda, it needs to be printed and posted on the meeting room door. The Open Door Law does not require agendas. If one is used, it does not need to be posted on-line, only posted on the door during the meeting. County Attorney's office cannot do administrative tasks; only help with legal matters. Someone is needed to send out meeting reminders for quorum purposes, help to formulate/print/send the agenda to members, post meeting minutes on line). So MCHRC does needs some administrative help as all members are volunteers. This issue is on hold for now.
  - C. Was documentation done on a HRC complaint that Eric and Margie worked on last month? Eric will send the info to Molly so she can check and check with Margie if necessary. No probable cause was found, so only the commissioner involved needs to sign off on the paperwork. If a probable cause is found, then all commissioners need to sign.
3. Old Business:
  - A. Web site update: Susan and Kathy are working on this as a subcommittee. Language was taken from the Bloomington Human Rights Committee website. BHRC need to approve MCHRC using their language. Molly says that Barbara McKinney would be the person to give permission. There were several other questions that came up and probably need legal input. The working document was sent to Eric who forwarded it to Jeff Cockrill for input/answers. Jeff did not reply. Eric will resend it to Molly who will look at it.
  - B. Status of Criminal Justice Reform: Eric explained to Molly that the MCHRC was heavily involved in this study – holding public meetings that were facilitated by CJAM. MCHRC would like an update on progress.
  - C. Criminal Justice (Jail) Survey. Eric and Kathy explained to Molly that MCHRC had several meetings with Leslie Price from the IIDC Center for Collaborative Sustainable Change in the summer/fall of 2020. This survey was adapted from a reliable, peer reviewed survey from the Netherlands. A contract for this survey was signed by Monroe County Council in Jan. 2021. However, the sheriff did not want the survey to happen. Perhaps with a new sheriff in November, the survey of jail inmates may progress. And possibly be extended to folks on probation.
  - D. Fourth of July Parade: Usually held in conjunction with BHRC. Byron stated that BHRC has also discussed this. Who contacts whom? Susan has decorations from last year's parade.

E. Does MCHRC have a budget for things like Fourth of July decorations for a float? Or does MCHRC just ask the Council for money? Molly will look into this.

4. Commissioners Comments: Nothing else.
5. Public comment: No members of the public present.
6. Approval of March minutes: Kathy moved and Bryon seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Members polled – Kathy, Byron, Susan, Eric, Goldburn all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gray, Secretary