## MONROE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call. Commission Members present in person: Byron Bangert, VP presiding, Susan Gray, secy, Kathleen Sideli, Doris Parlette. Goldburn Maynard attending via Zoom, Eric Sader out of town on business.

Staff: Molly Turner-King, County Attorney attending via Zoom

2. Review & approval of April 2022 meeting minutes. Sideli moved and Parlette seconded that the minutes be adopted as written. Polled: Sideli – aye, Parlette-aye, Maynard – aye, Gray - aye, Bangert – aye.

## 3. Old Business:

- a) Update on staff administrative contact for minutes, etc. Gray reported that Dina DeLawter-Meyer is our administrative assistant. She will post the approved minutes on the county website. Gray will contact her to see if she will also send out reminders of the upcoming meetings with attached minutes and determine if we will have a quorum.
- b) Update on whether Sader's past case was properly closed out: Turner-King reported that a letter from the respondent's lawyers had been sent to Sader. Discussion: A response from the lawyer is not what is needed. In previous cases a document that indicates that no probable cause was found was created and signed by county attorney and MCHRC investigating member. Commission requests that this be the standard procedure.
- c) Update on new Commission appointee: Turner-King reported that 2 applications have been submitted and sent to County Commissioners.
- d) Status of review of draft language for website: Turner-King reported that she never received the document from Jeff Cockrill (during the change over of county attorneys). However, Turner King contacted Barbara McKinney and she has no objection to the MCHRC using language from the BHRC website. Sideli will send the document to Turner-King as there were several questions that Gray and Sideli had involving legal matters in the revised language for the MCHRC website. IT also needs to be contacted to get the complaint form link placed on the MCHRC website.
- e)  $4^{th}$  of July Parade: Bangert reported on the BHRC discussion of this. Parade will be 10 am on July  $4^{th}$  College and Walnut from  $10^{th}$  to  $5^{th}$  Streets. Staging at Showers parking lot.

The BHRC wants to know if MCHRC will join them in purchasing "give aways" for the parade. BHRC plans to drive a red convertible, will MCHRC use this vehicle also? Gray had a question re the posters made for last year's reverse parade. Consensus is that there is not room on the convertible for the posters. Sideli and Gray volunteered to walk holding the MCHRC banner. Also a question as to MCHRC's budget for "give aways". Turner-King said that Delawyer-Meyer would have this answer.

- f) Criminal justice Reform updates: Gray reported on her virtual attendance at the Criminal Justice Response Committee meeting May 18: This committee was formed to follow up the recommendations of the 2020 Criminal Justice Study by Kenneth Ray. The committee consists of 2 members from the County commissioners and 3 members from the County Council. The committee is recommending construction of a new jail facility and there was general discussion re this.
- 4. New business: None
- 5. Commissioners' Comments: none
- 6. Public Comment: none.

Motion to adjourn by Parlette, seconded by Sideli. Poll: Bangert, Sideli, Gray, Parlette, Maynard - all aye.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gray, Secretary