## MONROE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, August 24, 2022 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Members: Eric Sader, President; Byron Bangert, Vice President; Kathleen Sideli; Doris Parlette; Susan Gray, Secretary; all present.

Staff: Molly Turner King, County Attorney, present via Zoom.

1. Review & approval of June 2022 meeting minutes: Moved by Susan Gray and seconded by Doris Parlette. Poll: Eric Sader, Byron Bangert, Kathleen Sideli, Doris Parlette, Susan Gray all voted aye.

## Old Business:

- a) From July meeting: Parade debrief: All members agreed that the set up for the parade at Showers parking lot was shady and protected. The route was different this year, not as long as previously. The crowd was engaged and supportive, especially of LGBT rights and the right to choose. All members who participated enjoyed the experience. Kathleen Sideli has the pole for the banner in her garage for storage. Other items are stored at the county legal office.
- b) Website language approval: Kathleen Sideli and Molly Turner-King worked extensively on adapting the language to county requirements. Byron Bangert and Susan Gray suggested some edits. Members agreed to accept Molly Turner-King's suggestion of graphics to make accessing specific parts of the document easier. Other icons can be added if IT has suggestions. The Complaint Form needs to be linked to the document (to be done by Information Technology staff). Byron Bangert moved and Susan Gray seconded that the website language be approved. Poll: Eric Sader, Bryon Bangert, Kathleen Sideli, Doris Parlette, and Susan Gray all voted aye.
- c) Criminal justice update: Susan Gray reported on the July 6 Community Justice Response Committee. The July 20 meeting was canceled.

## 3. New business:

- a) MCHRC has been asked to forward comments from the public forums 2 years ago on Criminal Justic Reform to the Community Justice Reform Committee. Moved by Doris Parlette and seconded by Kathy Sideli. Poll all ayes.
- b) A new jail site has been proposed at Fullerton Pike and I-69. Several contingencies need to be met before the site is purchased: among these are environmental studies, a re-zoning to include the property in the city boundaries, and bus service needs to be provided.

## 4. Commissioners' Comments:

- a) Doris Parlette reported that, although no probable cause was found, the latest complaint was resolved by better communication between the complainant and the employment entity.
- b) Vacancy announcement: Goldburn Maynard has resigned from the MCHRC as he has moved his residence to Indianapolis, although he continues to teach at IU. There are now two vacancies on the commission and two pending applications. The County Commissioners will need

to look at the applications and decide on whom to appoint. Susan Gray asked if there is a way to publicize vacancies so as to get a broader section of the public involved.

- c) Meeting with Bloomington HRC staff: Eric Sader met with Barbara McKinney. McKinney is resigning/retiring. BHRC also has vacancies and is re-organizing.
- 5. Public Comment: No members of the public were present in person or on Zoom.

Adjournment Moved by Byron Bangert and seconded by Kathy Sideli. Poll: Eric Sader, Byron Bangert, Kathleen Sideli, Doris Parlette, and Susan Gray all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:30. Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 28 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gray, Secretary