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# Agenda

## City of Quincy Human Rights Commission

Quincy City Hall

December 7, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

**Call to Order** – Cecil Weathers, Chair

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes** – Approval of the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes

**Public Comment**

**Old Business**

- Education Committee
- Public Relations
- Community Action

**New Business**

- Late Additions

**Commissioner's Comments**

**Adjournment**

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018**

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## MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2017

### Call to Order

Chair Cecil Weathers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### Roll Call

Present: Nayar Attai, Mike Baker, Reggie Coleman, Kate Daniels, Macy Ferguson-Smith, Les Fonza, Joel Logue, Cecil Weathers, Dennis Williams, Fr. Joe Zimmerman

Absent: Rev. James A. Hailey (exc), Matt Hermsmeier (exc), Richard Reis, Sue Rush (exc), Susan Scholz (exc)

Weathers welcomed Daniels as a new Commission member.

### Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for October were approved on a motion by Williams, seconded by Attai.

### Public Comment

Julie Stratman was present, representing Roy Webb. She described some design features of the new school buildings, and the preparations being made to deal with the effects of an employee strike, should that occur.

Todd Bale, Director of the United Way, was present to develop good communications with the Council.

LuBeth Young told the story of William H. Dallas, the first African American police officer in Quincy and the first officer in Quincy to be killed on duty. The Historical Society wants to highlight his story during Black History Month next February. Williams moved and Coleman seconded a motion to put the Human Rights Commission on record as participating in the commemoration of Officer Dallas.

Marla Ferguson attended the meeting as an observer.

### Old Business

- **Education Committee** – Williams hopes to meet with other members of the committee next week. Attai and Rush are listed as members along with Williams; some other commissioners expressed willingness to serve on that committee.
- **Public Relations** -- No report, since Scholz could not be present.

- **Community Action** – Ferguson-Smith has consulted the Public Library about dates available for a February showing of the film “13<sup>th</sup>.” The Commission decided on February 17<sup>th</sup> as the date, at 1:00 pm. The goal is to use the film as a catalyst for discussion. A format with more than one meeting might be possible.
- Weathers hopes to get a group to participate in a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) meeting on December 6.

### **New Business**

- The Commission had a lengthy discussion on complaints by some youth that police officers are not treating them fairly. At least three Commission members agreed to cooperate in collecting verifiable information from the complainants. If and when such information is on hand, Weathers will ask Chief Copley to meet with us to discuss the situation.
- Weathers has received a complaint from a parent about young people getting into a fight involving sharing a nude picture of one of them. There was discussion about the legal aspects of the situation, and the difficulty of collecting evidence in the world of smart phones.

### **Commissioners’ Comments**

Daniels and Logue were welcomed. Logue asked how the Commission affects the community. The answer was that work usually gets done by committees, formal or informal, when members work together on specific situations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion from Fonza, seconded by Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Zimmerman  
Secretary

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