



Human Rights Commission Agenda

July 14, 2022 | 6:30 p.m. | Quincy City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment (3 minutes only)

Guest Speakers

- Police Chief Adam Yates
- Phoenix Center Speakers

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

- Education Committee – Commissioner Williams
- Public Relations – Chair position vacant
- Community Action – Chair position vacant
 - Quincy Juneteenth event update
- Housing – Commissioner Philpot
 - Quincy Housing Authority Activities Update
 - Safe and Livable Housing Committee Complaint Form Update

Temporary Committees

- Code Revision – Chair Ferguson-Smith
- By-laws Committee – Chair position vacant
- Strategic Planning - Chair position vacant

New Business

- Nomination & Election of New Officers
- Late Additions

Commissioner's Comments

Adjournment

Quincy, IL. Human Rights Commission

June2, 2022

Minutes of May were Not available

Roll-Present: Vice-Chair Mark Philpot, Dennis Williams, Cecil Weathers, Mary Lou McLaughlin, Patty Maples (replaced Katie Awerkamp), JJ Magliocco.

Absent-Excused: Officer Kelby Rescinito, Angela Caldwell

Guests: Jeff Conti, Mike Joyce (reported on Fair Housing)

Total Nine members of the Public.

Education: Commissioner Williams announced “Schools Out!” He has invited new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Todd Pettit, for next Commission meeting in July. Please be prepared to ask questions/comments.

Public Relations: Commissioner McLaughlin volunteered to serve on this committee. She requested for Commissioners to stay for photo op.

Community Action: Commissioner Weathers gave an update on Juneteenth celebration/activities. Voucher for \$75 was requested for Informational Booth. Commissioner Weathers will deliver request to Jeff Conti. Various activities, such as live music, children’s fun, DJ, dance and performances, are planned from 4:00 on @ Jackson-Lincoln Pool Complex. Vendors will set-up @ 1:00. Booth will need to be staffed. Commissioner Weathers stated brochures are available @ City Hall. Commissioner McLaughlin will staff the booth for 2 hours until relieved.

Housing Committee: Commissioner Philpot called on Mike Joyce to share report on Fair Housing (SEE HAND-OUTS). Question raised by Commissioner Williams as to the definition of ADVOCATE, which needed to include Individuals and not solely from churches.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maples, to use (American Rescue Plan Act), i.e. ARPA as seed for Pilot Program to gauge effectiveness. Motion passed. Mr. Joyce pointed out that 13 of the Quincy Council members (possibly 14) owned/have rental units.

By-Laws and Strategy Committee: Commissioner Philpot will work with Commissioner McLaughlin on this and prepare an Annual Report.

Late Editions: Commissioner McLaughlin brought up Luncheon Honoring Past Commissioners.

Jeff Conti will provide list of past commissioners. Commissioner Magliocco suggested Calftown Café.

Commissioner Philpot introduced new member Councilwoman Patty Maples.

Commissioners' Comments: No comment from Commissioner Williams

Commissioner Weathers Invited all to Fish Fry @ Union Baptist.

No comment from Commissioner Philpot

No comment from Commissioner Maples

Commissioner Magliocco gave a Happy Pride Day! She shared her recent appointment on the Education Office under Governor Pritzler.

Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. Passes

Submitted by:

Mary Lou McLaughlin, acting secretary

Human Rights Commission Meeting

Thursday May 5th, 2022

6:30pm

Council Chambers

Present: Ferguson, Weathers, Williams, Philpot, Rescinito, Magliocco

Excused: Caldwell, McLaughlin

Minutes from previous meeting were not available for review. Commissioner Philpot recommended to table review of minutes until next meeting. Commissioner Ferguson motioned, Commissioner Williams Second. Unanimous vote to table minute review.

Invocation by Reverend Terry

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports

Education Committee report: Commissioner Williams met with new QPS Superintendent Todd Pettit, believes him to be a great choice for our community. District making moves to punish all use of “N-word” regardless of intent. Sitting Superintendent Roy Webb made this announcement and was “beat up” online for this choice as well as his support of the QND principal. A black student was given OSS for breaking the new rule, and the mother of the student understood after it was explained to her.

Public Relations: Chair position vacant. Commissioner Ferguson had no updates.

Community Action: Commissioner Weathers updating on Juneteenth event (June 18th). Things are going well, but they are still in need of vendors. Streets will be blocked and generators being provided by Royalty Electric. Jackson-Lincoln Pool will be open for \$1 and vendors will be open from 12pm-4pm. Many activities will continue after 4pm. The Hip-Hop bus from Springfield will be there for music and cultural learning as well as the QHS drumline. 3 bounce houses (1 for adults) will be there. QPS has volunteered officers for the event. Commissioner Philpot added different area providers such as QMG, Blessing, Home Depot, Quanada, and the QPL will also be there to provide services and information. The city offered funds to help sponsor the event as this is a community event. “It is a holiday of all people.”

Housing: Commissioner Philpot attended QHA meeting. Director Gille stated QHA is struggling to find landlords for the Section 8 program. (A question from an attendee was “Why are landlords not participating?”). The discussion was that landlords have the misconception that all Section 8 program participants are not “good tenants”. There is also an issue with the new inspector who is a woman, and

some landlords are not happy with her inspections as she is not as lenient as previous inspector. A breakout discussion occurred on the idea of “forcing Section 8 tenants to take classes vs educating landlords” and making everything accessible to people with disabilities. Commissioner Philpot then spoke on the Safe & Livable Housing Committee’s upcoming forum with The League of Women Voters on May 10th. A complaint regarding sub-standard housing was also received today, and the tenant is a person with disabilities and a family member is trying to advocate for the tenant. The current form does not allow for an advocate to file a complaint, and we are looking for fixes to this issue.

Code Revision: No Updates

Bylaws Committee: Chair position vacant. All work currently tabled

Strategic Planning: Chair Position vacant. All work currently tabled

New Business/Late Additions

Commissioner Weathers mentioned that the pamphlet area for local resources at city hall was not filled. Jeff Conte will inform Theresa Alford.

Commissioner Comments

Williams: Bella Ease having an open house with music food, etc. They will have a Learning Center. Also thanked Commissioner Ferguson for her time and service as Chair.

Weathers: Fish Fry at Union Church tomorrow from 11am-3:30. \$10/plate

Rescinito: No Comment but did open up for questions to him about new police Chief. Looks forward to working with him and wants everyone to give him a chance.

Philpot: Piggybacking on Rescinito’s comments: wants to work with new chief and law enforcement in general to try to get and retain more diversity on the QPD. We need to fill vacancies on the commission.

Ferguson: Thanked all that submitted letters of support for the QMG Hospital

Magliocco: Quanada food pantry hours being extended in the month of May.

Commissioner Philpot asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion: Weathers

2nd: Williams

Adjourned at 7:45pm