



MINUTES

January 14, 2019
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

John Link Government Services Center
200 S. Cameron Street, Hillsborough NC

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF
Jacquelyn Podger	Tara May, Civil Rights Specialist
Matt Case	Melvyn Blackwell, Intake Specialist
Allison Mahaley	Annette Moore, Director
Joy Preslar	
Stephanie Harrell	
Nancy White	
Nora Spencer	
Rebecca High	
Ana Garcia-Turner	

MEMBERS ABSENT
Debby Stroman
Marc Xavier
GUESTS

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Ms. Jacquelyn Podger. A quorum was present.

- II. Introductions
 - A. Human Relations Commission (HRC) members and staff reported on what’s new and what’s good professionally and personally.

- III. Minutes Approval – November 12, 2018
 - A. HRC members took a few minutes to review the minutes from the last HRC meeting. Ms. Nancy White motioned to approve the November 2018 minutes. Ms. Stephanie Harrell seconded said motion. All were in favor of approving the November minutes.

IV. County Updates

- A. Ms. Annette Moore provided updates on the HRC's Fair Housing Training. She explained the plans to have Ms. Stella Adams facilitate the training sometime in February 2019. Ms. Tara May will send out a doodle poll to review member availability and determine what February or March date works best for the collective.
- B. Ms. Rebecca High suggested allowing a sub-committee of the NAACP to join the HRC in the Fair Housing training. HRC members were in favor of sharing the training space.
- C. Ms. Moore reminded the HRC of their expected participation with the outside agency review at the behest of the BOCC.
- D. Ms. Moore noted how the BOCC would like to see the HRC host an event for Women's history month. She introduced the idea of having Ms. Linda Sarsour as a speaker for an event honoring Women's history month March 2019. Ms. Podger motioned for HRC member support to recruit Ms. Sarsour as a speaker for Women's history month. Ms. Mahaley seconded said motion. All were in favor of the motion. It was discussed to host the event at the Whitted building. Ms. Moore will check with the BOCC to see if we could charge a small fee for the event. RSVPs or tickets may be distributed via Eventbrite.

V. HRC Annual Report

- A. This agenda item will be discussed at the next HRC meeting.

VI. Updates

- A. Ms. Allison Mahaley noted a need for two volunteers to blog for January 2019. Ms. Nancy White and Ms. Podger volunteered. Ms. White will write a blog on Dr. Martin Luther King JR. Ms. Podger will write a blog about Pauli Murray.

VII. Elections of Officers

- A. Ms. Mahaley nominated and motioned that the current seat holders remain in their roles for another term. HRC members were all in favor to have Dr. Debby Stroman (Chair), Mr. Matt Case (Vice-chair), and Ms. Podger (Secretary) to remain in their elected roles.

VIII. HRC Events & Committee Reports

- A. Pauli Murray Awards (PMAs)
 - 1. HRC members reported that they have not yet found a speaker for the ceremony. HRC members and HR&R will be looking to recruit a speaker for the PMAs.
 - 2. The event will be February 24, 2019 at the Whitted Building's meeting facility. Ms. May reported quotes she received from three caterers. Ms. Mahaley motioned to contract Kelsey's catering to cater this year's PMA. Ms. Podger seconded said motion. All were in favor of the motion.
 - 3. Ms. May reported that there have been three essay submissions and one nomination received for the PMAs contests.
 - 4. The award selection committee will decide on a date to meet at Ms. White's home.

- B. Forum
 - 1. Ms. Mahaley discussed the possibility of having a festive HRC event on Constitution Day. Ms. Mahaley and Mr. Case will co-chair the Forum's planning committee. Mr. Marc Xavier and Ms. Joy Preslar will also be on this committee.
 - C. Community Read
 - 1. HRC members discussed having the Community Read at multiple locations on the same day and have members facilitate each site. Ms. Mahaley reported that she had discussions with the Orange County Library about the Community Read, and she suggested to her that an event be held at each of the three libraries in the County; one in Chapel Hill, one in Carrboro, and one in Hillsborough. Ms. Moore will speak with Lucinda about having the community read at the Orange County Library. Ms. Moore suggested for the HRC to reach out to Chapel Hill library. The ideal dates will be the evening of April 4th, early afternoon on April 6th, and late afternoon on April 7th, 2019.
 - D. Charge/Goals and Objectives Update
 - 1. Mr. Case reviewed the proposal to change the current goals and objectives. After discussions, it was decided that HRC members will "table" changes or modifications to goals and objectives until after the HRC has had their fair housing training.
 - 2. Ms. Moore suggested having a former HRC chair come speak to the current HRC about what the mission, goals, and objectives meant to them. HR&R staff will look to recruit a former member to come to an upcoming HRC meeting to speak.
- IX. Other Business/Announcements/Upcoming Events
- X. Adjourn
- A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.
 - B. NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2019 6:00pm at Animal Services.