



Orange County Human Relations Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2015
Orange County Animal Services Building Conference Room

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T			STAFF
Marc Xavier	Monica Richard		James Davis
Rollin Russell	Gerald Ponder		Pamela Reynolds
Alan Jefferies	Natalie Turner		
Andrea Jones			
G U E S T S			
Tod Puckett	Robin Criffield	Andy Cagle	Ross Holloway
<i>Excused Absence: Jamie Paulen, Christine Kelly-Kleese, Vanessa Soleil, Matthew Hughes and Doris Brunson</i>			
<i>Unexcused Absence: Jilan Li and Joyce Preslar</i>			

I. Call To Order

Vice-Chair Gerald Ponder called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

II. Introductions

Guests Tod Puckett, Robin Criffield, Andy Cagle and Ross Holloway introduced themselves to the board. The member introduced themselves and welcomed each guest to the meeting. Each guest is an applicant to the board.

III. Minutes Approval

The members reviewed the February, 2015 minutes. There being no quorum, the minutes were not approved. The members did not propose changes to the minutes as drafted.

IV. County Updates

James Davis informed the attendees of the progress made in gathering information for the County's Analysis of Impediments (AI) and Affordable Housing Consolidated Plan (Plan). Dates of the scheduled public listening sessions were shared, and a survey was distributed to each member and guest.

James provided an update of the BOCC's vote on legislative matters to be proposed. The issue of adding LGBT as a protected class under the Civil Rights Ordinance was not selected for legislative proposal. The members discussed this matter. James explained that while this issue was on the list of about 23 possible legislative topics, the BOCC could only recommend a handful of topics.

V. Subcommittee Updates

Executive Committee:

Vice Chair Ponder provided an opportunity for the board applicants to discuss why they were interested in joining the HRC. Each applicant spoke about their personal desire to join the HRC and asked questions regarding the mission of the HRC. Members responded to the questions. James Davis explained the process of being appointed and informed the applicants that official appointments will be communicated to them via email.

Secretary Andrea Jones provided an update on the progress of creating an HRC Facebook page. She stated that she is gathering information that would be added or linked to the page and invited the members to submit relevant information. Secretary Jones also provided an update on the progress of obtaining the documentary film on Grace Lee Boggs. She was not able to obtain a licensed version to show at the library. Secretary Jones will create a flyer about the film that could be distributed at the upcoming HRC events.

The members discussed the guests that should be invited to make presentations to the HRC. Rollin Russell recommended that Luke Smith with El Futuro be invited. He can speak on the provision of mental health service to the Hispanic community. Vice Chair Ponder recommended that Dr. Timothy Miles and/or Dr. Emmanuel Kai Lewis be invited to speak about services to the disabled community during this, the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

James reminded the members that there will be a BOCC Work Session on Thursday, March 19, 2015 whereby all advisory boards will have an opportunity to present information to the BOCC. Vice Chair Ponder will attend on behalf of the HRC.

Building Integrated Communities (BIC):

No Report.

Community Relations:

Diversity Matters – Rollin reminded the members of the upcoming film on the Wilmar 8 (Saturday, March 14th) and the Community Read (Monday, March 23rd).

James asked the female members to consider presenting the Women's History Month proclamation on Tuesday, March 17th.

Pauli Murray Awards – The members provided feedback on the Pauli Murray Awards. Natalie Turner recommended that the caterer should arrive earlier so that the food is ready to be served by the time the program ends. Guest Andy Cagle stated that his attendance to the program is what prompted him to apply to join the HRC. It was recommended that the youth award honoree be invited to join the HRC as an *ex officio* member.

Collateral Consequences:

No report. The members provided a summary of the subcommittee's mission for the guests. It was recommended that the HRC host a Police/Community forum.

VI. Other Business/Announcements

No other business or announcements.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

James E. Davis, Jr.,
Interim Director