

Advisory Commission on Human Relations & Disability Issues

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2018

5:30pm

Members present: Cindy Crable, Chair; Kim Dominic, Secretary; Jim Echols, 1st vice- Chair; Jessie Alvarez – 2nd Vice Chair, Don Jolley, Valorie Wells Fenton, Kendall McReynolds, Karen Greenwood, Winfred Manning; Tom Alonzo

Also present: Phyllis Wallace, Maritza Fernandez, Jenny Alvarez, Layne Warner, Rachel Jefferson

- I. Call to Order - 5:30 PM
- II. Approval of minutes from June meeting – Motion to approve by Don Jolley, Valorie Wells Fenton seconded. Unanimously approved
- III. Presentations
 - A. Presentation by Rachel Jefferson, Exec. Dir. of Historic NE and Midtown Assn. (HNMA)
 1. Introduced by Tom Alonzo
 2. Sits on KCK Farmer's Market Board together, HNMA formed in 2012 by neighborhood leaders who came together to form a Neighborhood Business Revitalization (NBR) – 501c.3. She has been there three years.
 3. Working on Master Plan – Community meeting July 17 @ Memorial Hall – one at 12-1:30 PM and one 6-7:30 PM. Their role is bringing community involvement to the Master Planning process. Main focus for last year and a half
 4. Summer youth program – 8 weeks, workforce development and help them find jobs during summer. Extended into the spring semester with focus on community involvement. Painted a mural on the boxing gym at 17th & Parallel. Will be doing another on the Jersey Creek Trail at 13th & Troup and have worked to get lights in the tunnel.
 5. Other ongoing programs included Youth development, YHelp, walk audits among 12-13 active neighborhood associations, curb and lighting audits have been completed in 2 neighborhoods and have funding for five more.
 6. Neighborhood resource capacity building. Active Walking trails, Park maps, Community billboard in parks. Finding ways to leverage funds to allow the neighborhoods to meet their goals
 7. DOJ Consent decree (Press release attached): Reviewed sidewalk accessibility – KCK was lacking. New sidewalk ramps have been built, some don't go anywhere. May need public advocacy program to get sidewalks added. There may be a priority list in public works for sidewalks. School areas are a priority.
 8. What can ACHRDI help them with to identify these ramps to nowhere, since this is a disability issue? Is there something we can do about requiring sidewalks in new development? Kim Dominic volunteered to work with Rachel on meeting with Commissioners and Public Works.
 - B. Reports – Status of UG attorney assigned – Phyllis Wallace – We have not yet been assigned an attorney. It won't happen for some time. UG is actually down three attorneys right now.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. KCKPD - KU Partnership on Youth Violence update - Kendall McReynolds

Commander of his precinct is on a new committee which may include this. Kendall plans to meet with him week of July 9

B. Special Committee on Law Enforcement - Jim Echols

Would like to plan to move forward with a courtesy contact with Chief Ziegler and whomever he selects to meet with us. Kim moved, Tom seconded that we authorize the subcommittee to make contact and begin conversations with the Police Department, in particular Chief Ziegler. Motion approved.

C. Pamphlet - Jessie Alvarez

The info was lost when her computer crashed. She will get with Phyllis and/or Maritza to see what they have.

D. Bio Templates / Photos to be taken - Maritza Fernandez

To be done at end of meeting

E. Planning for November KC Metro Human Relations Regional Summit – Karen Greenwood

Subcommittee met briefly before this meeting. Date has been set for Tuesday, November 13, 6-8 PM in 6th floor training room. Brief discussion about possible catering options including KC Cupcake Co. and SLAP's Barbecue. Karen ACHRDI members to join the "KC Metro Human Relations Group" on Facebook

F. Table banner for future events – Tom Alonzo –

Phyllis sent out a picture today. It has been ordered. Hopefully will have in time for the SOAR Community Picnic at City Park, July 15, 1-5 PM. Maritza will send out info.

G. Other Old Business - None

V. New business

A. Strategic planning - goals and strategy for the year – Chair Cindy Crable

1. Cindy Crable passed out a section of the UG Code of Ordinances that identifies the purpose and structure of the ACHRDI. (Attached) Cindy had a conversation with Mayor Alvey. We should have elected a chair who is then submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Do we need to have a sub-committee look at our bylaws vs. ordinance, and then identify a designee? Kim Dominic moved that we self-identify a subcommittee to look at the ordinance and bylaws to bring forward a recommendation and in the interim that Cindy Crable be selected as our interim chair. Seconded by Tom Alonzo. Approved unanimously. Karen Greenwood, Don Jolley, and Cindy Crable volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

2. Kendall McReynolds offered a short-term goal – The DA is forming a "Conviction Integrity Unit" to go back and look at past convictions to assure that they were properly done. The DA is setting this up with three paid positions and having local law students do the grunt work on a voluntary basis. Question: How does this relate to ACHRDI and our powers and duties. A motion was made by Valorie Wells Fenton, and seconded by Tom Alonzo to have a special called meeting of ACHRDI on July 16, @ 5:30 PM to hear the DA's proposal before he presents to the Full Commission.

3. Jessie Alvarez presented a graphic for strategic planning consisting of a circular diagram with another concentric circle and the space between divided into different areas to represent the general

categories of the work we hope to do as ACHRDI. Kim Dominic agreed to attempt to make an electronic reproduction of the drawing for the next meeting and include references to the associated “Powers and Duties” in the Ordinance. A draft of the diagram is attached to these minutes for review.

- a) Center circle- Harmony, prevent discrimination.
- b) Spokes of wheel, pieces of pie –
 - (1) Advisory to Commissioners & DA;
 - (2) Outreach – Meet & Greet, night out;
 - (3) Conferences, projects, summits, IDD;
 - (4) Training (internal) speakers, bias, cultural;
 - (5) Investigations, studies;
 - (6) Create template for future;
 - (7) Legislature.
- c) Kim volunteered to put this into a graphic for next meeting (see attached).

B. Upcoming events

- 1. July 7 - Fisher Park planning meeting at 9 AM at Fisher Park. (Grant received by UG for accessible playground at Fisher Park)
- 2. July 15 - Park drive for SOAR – Maritza will send info
- 3. August 7 - Night Out against Crime -- 5 -8 PM; setup at 4-4:30 at Armory
- 4. Annual IDD picnic – Phyllis Wallace will get information
- 5. September 9 - Central Avenue Betterment Association - Parade from 18th Street to Bethany Park. There will be tables at Bethany Park – we could have a table.
- 6. Various farmers Markets around the County –
 - a) Rosedale - Sundays 10-2 at Commerce Bank,
 - b) Catholic Charities - Tuesdays 8-1 at 2220 Central Avenue
 - c) KCK - Wednesdays 8-1 at Health Department
 - d) KCKCC - Thursdays 8-1 in the KCKCC west parking lot
 - e) Bonner Springs - Saturdays 8-12 at 129 Elm Street, Bonner Springs

C. Other New Business - None

VI. Adjournment at 7:02 pm

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: July 16, 5:30 PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: August 6, 5:30 PM

Attachments:

- 1. Consent Agreement Press Release
- 2. Powers and Duties
- 3. Focus chart - DRAFT