

ACHRDI Minutes – 03072022

Attending:

Karen Greenwood

James Echols

Thomas Alonzo

Martiza Fernandez

Phyllis Wallace

Ollie

Abbie Dillard

Approval of minutes motion by Jim Echols, 2nd by Karen Greenwood – approved unanimously

Guest: Christian Ramirez, Third District Commissioner, UG Board of Commissioners

Introduction of new member, Joe Peterson, lifelong resident of Wyandotte County

51 years old, son with special needs, Bonner Springs High School

Christian Ramirez – 3rd district commissioner which includes Eastern half of Argentine, Rosedale, commissioner since 2019, lifelong Wyandotte Country resident, 1st elected LGBTQ+ community leader

Disability Issues – Phyllis

Program and waiting list, more info to come

Julie Xiong said her daughter was born with visual impairment, they told her 8 –10 year waiting list and no one every contacted them back so they moved out of WyCo

Where is info to share with residents, family subsidy program

Karen Greenwood – commission voted for Safe and Welcoming and it was a very long meeting, next step find 3rd party to create municipal ID – state Atty General challenging S&W and is asking Legislature to pass legislation against this kind of ordinance.

The bill is HB 2171`7, Federal and State Affairs Committee, they want to make the ordinance null and void and prohibit future initiatives, make municipal ID requirements more stringent. The bill is still in committee and we are hoping it will fly under the radar.

This ordinance has been signed into local law and Karen said ACHRDI voted to support and sent letter to commission and our next step is to promote the municipal ID.

Conversion Therapy Ban – Christian thanked Tom for being strong advocate and talked about how Tom presented the proposal to Christian before he ran for office. Christian said it took 2 years to bring it forward, reluctance by the previous may and he took it to Garner upon his and election and Garner supported it. Christian worked with legal and shared with ACHRD and went through committee and placed on consent agenda.

After Safe and Welcoming was approved, the conversion therapy ban was pulled by other commissioners- don't know why-community needs to be more educated. Christian said he voted to remove because he knew it wouldn't make it this round. He believes he is now ready to go forward again. Take it to commissioners and try to get it through again. He is still 100% committed

Karen asked Abbie if she had been reappointed and Abbie said not yet.

We will vote for officers and work on that next month and ask Jim if he wants to stay in his position.

NBR-neighborhood revitalization , we should ask for time on their agenda to market ACHRD

Ollie said she hasn't heard from Andrew Davis. We have 5 vacant positions Harrington, Townsend, Burroughs, Davis, Kane

Karen said she would do a doodle poll for group dinner, April, May or June

Tenants Rights Training – Phyllis sent email Apr 14 is the day 10-12

April 7 is Bias training

Congressional Maps – Ks Supreme Court denied AG motion to request to dismiss lawsuits

Lawsuits filed in WyCo and Douglas County Courts

Tom wanted to know if the ACHRD could issue a statement supporting the challenge. needs to run by James Bain.

Karen mentioned a topic of discussion of segregation at local levels

Motion to adjourn made by Karen, Tom seconded. Carried.