

Frankfort Human Rights Commission
June 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Chairperson Bob Padgett, via Zoom. Present were Katima Smith-Willis, Katherine Mueller, Anita Collins, and Lisa Gabbard. Also present via Zoom was Yolanda Diaz. Fairness officer Jason Hart was also present.

Bob announced the minutes from the February 2022 meeting were approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Discussion was held around the resignation of Commissioner Singer Buchanan.

Bob shared that he has learned that other communities are able to do more with their human rights commissions because they have dedicated funding. Some commissions have staff. A discussion followed with some ideas being shared.

- Could we talk to our City Commission about creating a budget for our commission?
- Other commissions write grants to fund themselves; is this an option?
- Bob is trying to work with Lexington Fair Housing Council to create a training for landlords, loan institutions, and realtors.
- Katherine shared concerns around gentrification in town and how existing laws in Frankfort don't address the issue. She will ask her colleague, director of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Ky., to speak to our group at a future meeting.
- Katima indicated that she would attend the next City Commission meeting.
- It was noted that, per our by-laws, the Commission is allowed to accept donations. Perhaps we should consider a fundraiser.
- Bob announced that he would not seek reappointment after his term expires at the end of the year as his job no longer permitted the time required to effectively participate. He advised the members to be soliciting interested persons whose names could be brought to the Commission for discussion of filling the vacancies.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. **Please note, this is a change from July 5th to avoid conflict with the July 4th holiday.** Lisa Gabbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. with a second from Katherine Mueller, and all voted in favor.