

Frankfort Human Rights Commission
August 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman Bob Padgett. Present were Bob Padgett, Jason Hart, Singer Buchanan, Katherine Mueller, Anita Collins, and Lisa Gabbard. Guests were present – Doug Howard, attorney for the American Legion, Dave Nally, representative for the American Legion, and Katima Smith-Willis and Yolanda Diaz, both potential new members of the Human Rights Commission.

Minutes from the July 2021 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Singer Buchanan and seconded by Katherine Mueller, with all members voting in favor of approval.

Bob let the group know that Jason has been appointed as Fairness Officer, and Jason indicated that he is excited to be taking on the position.

Discussion was held around the American Legion Post 7 conclusion. Findings of facts have been posted to respondents, and no exceptions have been filed. Doug Howard stated that his client unequivocally denies all allegations.

The motion to accept the findings of facts was made by Lisa and seconded by Anita. A roll-call vote was held with the following results: Lisa Gabbard – aye; Anita Collins – aye; Bob Padgett – aye; Katherine Mueller – aye; Singer Buchanan – aye. Motion passed. Bob indicated that he would talk to Chermie Maxwell, City Clerk, about any necessary next steps in the American Legion case.

In Old Business, Katima Smith-Willis and Yolanda Diaz introduced themselves to the Commission and gave brief bios of themselves and their experiences that would make them good members of the Commission. Bob will recommend them as new members to the Mayor.

In New Business, it was decided that an election of a Vice-Chairperson would be held at the September meeting. There is a chance Bob will not be available for that meeting; if that is the case, Katherine agreed to act as president for that meeting.

Discussion of the CROWN Act Fairness Ordinance was postponed until City Commissioner Leesa Unger can be present to discuss.

In Upcoming Events, Bob let the group know that Frankfort Pride will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, on the grounds of the Old Capitol. He also indicated that the event needs more sponsors. Our Commission will have a table at the event.

Anita thanked Bob for representing the Commission at the Unity in the Community event.

The Sunshine Center at Buffalo Trace event will be held on 8/21/21 from 5-9 in the Clubhouse at Buffalo Trace Distillery. It is the largest fundraiser for the Sunshine Center each year.

The Simon House is holding a fundraiser on October 15, 2021, at the Frankfort Country Club. Their event is called A Night in Margaritaville.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Singer Buchanan made the motion to adjourn at 5:53 p.m., and all voted in favor.