

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Race Relations and Diversity Task Force

2/21/22

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas called the meeting of the City of Erlanger Race Relations and Diversity Task Force to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:04pm, Monday, February 21, 2022.

The following were present:

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas

Steve Klare

Larry Owen

Renee Wilson

Serena Owen

Tom Cahill

Louis Lucas

Cheryl Richardson

The minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting were previously emailed to members of the Task Force. Minutes were not approved.

Discussion

Community Education

Human Libraries-Discussed that we need more “books” to participate and currently only have one, Andrew Singh. Everyone agreed that if we did not have five confirmed by next Monday, we need to postpone. Tom Cahill has a couple of people he’s asking and will let Jennifer Jasper-Lucas know if they are confirmed. Others on the task force will let Jennifer know by next Monday if they recruit others to participate. Jennifer will let the library know next Monday evening if we are postponing due to lack of “books.”

Community Outreach

Jennifer Jasper-Lucas asked if anyone knew of upcoming events in the community we could participate in. Serena Owen will check on dates for the Erlanger Elsmere Schools Block Party and the Juneteenth event and let us know.

City Policies

Fairness/Human Right Ordinance with Crown Act Language-Jennifer Jasper-Lucas is waiting on some revisions from the city attorney and will send out the draft when she receives it. She shared that the city attorney and city administrator wanted to take out the human rights commission due to concerns that they would not have proper training. Serena Owen mentioned that the State Human Rights Commission may offer training that would help and she would check into that. Jennifer explained that she planned to present the ordinance at the next caucus meeting.

Evaluation of purchasing and bidding procedures-Tom Cahill shared that he felt like Cincinnati Children's Hospital had a model bidding procedure for making sure minorities had access to bid and he would investigate their procedure further through some contacts he has there. Renee Wilson suggested that bids be posted on public television and Serena Owen suggested that they be shared with the NAACP.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm with a motion by Cheryl Richardson and a second by Steve Klare.