



Meeting Minutes - Approved EOC Executive Committee

Monday, July 29, 2019

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 523

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Rainey-Moore called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Present: Corinda Rainey Moore, Danielle Dieringer, Caitlin Badsing, Zach Madden, Richelle Andrae

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Madden, seconded by Andrae, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Andrae informs the commission that she was a former employee of Commonwealth Management Corp., a company that the EOC may be looking to address in regards to possible discriminatory actions against residents

DISCUSSION

5. Discuss Meridian Group and how to address the housing issues at their locations

- a. Jennifer Zilavy was present to answer questions and provide information. It was discussed that Meridian Group is responsible for property management and may not necessarily be the owner of all the properties they are associated with. The EOC expressed concerns about Title VI violations and harassment linked to protected classes, as these are actions demonstrated by the property manager at Kennedy Heights. Zilavy informs the commissioners that there is no contractual relationship between Meridian Group with the city, but the City Attorney's Office can have a conversation with the owners of the property and remind them of their legal obligations. She also mentions that there has been great success at other properties when the property manager and other property staff are diversified to be more representative of the residents at the complex.
- b. The commissioners worked to draft a set of questions that they would like Meridian Group to respond to. It will be provided to the representative of Meridian Group before the next EOC meeting.

6. Update on new commission member

- a. Autumn Neugent has been confirmed by Common Council as our newest commissioner

7. Update on Rev. James C Wright Award & presentation

- a. The presentation of the award has been added to the Common Council agenda for Tuesday, August 6. The plaque has been created and the letter has been sent out to Brandi Grayson to inform her of this.

8. Discuss adding language to EOC Agendas: "Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened? Who does not have a voice at the table? How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?"

- a. Madden motion to approve the addition of this language to all EOC agendas. Derringer seconds the motion. It is passed by voice vote.

9. Update on Landlord and Tenant Issues Committee's Best Practices guide

- a. A request for information has been sent to members of the committee but we have not received a response back yet.

10. Update on the EOC's Housing and Approaches to Housing Discrimination in Madison feedback from the City's Inter-Agency Housing Staff Team

- a. The staff team did not discuss the EOC's document at the last meeting. There is a meeting tomorrow.

11. FUTURE TOPICS

There were no future topics discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dieringer, seconded by Madden, to Adjourn at 6:02 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.