

Berea Human Rights Commission (BHRC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Randy Stone Room, City Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present:

- Mim Pride
- Sharyn Mitchell
- Janel Lakes Davenport
- Felecia Ballard

Absent:

- Susie Harris
- Katie Heckman

Visitors: None present

III. Approval of Minutes

May Meeting Minutes:

- Approved with one spelling correction.
 - Motion to approve: 1st – Felecia Ballard, 2nd – Mim Pride
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IV, Treasurer's Report

- Approved as presented.
- Motion to approve: 1st – Mim Pride, 2nd – Felecia Ballard

Discussion Items

V. Training Session Suggestions

- Possible session with Juan Peña, including other groups such as Room in the Inn.
- Focus topics may include housing and communication issues.
- Suggested session on scam awareness, possibly involving representatives from insurance, police, and banking sectors.
- Target timing: September.

VI. Annual Report

- Last posted report is from 2020.
- Report may be due in Spring.
- Commissioners discussed scheduling a brainstorming meeting to outline goals for the upcoming year in order to justify a proposed budget increase.

VII. Record Storage & Communication Issues

- Mim Pride met with Shawn Sandlin and the Mayor:
 1. **Storage & Phone Issues:** Mayor suggested storage space at the Utilities building; Mr. Sandlin will investigate further.
 2. **Website & Contact Information:** Current listed phone number connects to Zinnia at the police department. No reliable way for the public to file complaints. The Commission should define a clear communication protocol and plan to present to the city.
 3. **Donated Funds:** Questions were raised about the allocation and usage of donated funds through the City. Commission may explore setting up a 501(c)(3). Mim will ask Juan Peña about how other commissions raise funds and structure budgets.

VIII. Work Meeting

- A work session is needed to address outstanding action items.
- Discussion on how to formally schedule a work meeting, possibly through Robin Adams.

IX. Abolish Slavery Resolution

- General consensus: This resolution needs to be completed and submitted.

X. Juneteenth

- Thank you cards need to be sent to tabling participants and entertainers.
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XI. New Business

John G. Fee and Janice Blythe Awards

- Applications to be publicized in August.
 - Recipients to be selected in September.
 - Awards presentation scheduled for October.
 - The award plaque needs to be updated.
 - Review and revision of award criteria are necessary.
 - Determine appropriate school personnel for distributing application information.
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XII. Announcements

- NAACP Run: Scheduled for next Saturday.
 - Registration at 6:30 AM
 - Run starts at 8:00 AM
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XIII. Commissioner Comments

- No additional comments.
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XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

- Motion to adjourn: 1st – Mim Pride, 2nd – Felecia Ballard