

Frankfort Human Rights Commission
February 1, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Fairness Officer Jason Hart Present were Katima Smith-Willis, Katherine Mueller, and Lisa Gabbard. Present via Zoom was Singer Buchanan.

Newly appointed Frankfort Police Chief Dusty Bowman was present as a guest. He indicated that the Commission was welcome to reach out to him at any time and thanked us for inviting him to the meeting.

As there was no meeting in January, minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved, with all members voting in favor of approval.

Jason Hart, Fairness Officer, indicated that the housing case he had been working on has been withdrawn from our jurisdiction and moved to that of the State Human Rights Commission. He also informed the group that there is no further training required for him in his position as Fairness Officer.

Committee Reports: Training - Singer indicated that he'd reached out to Kathy Fields, Human Resources administrator for the city) and sent her a presentation that he's previously used. It will be updated to include Frankfort-specific policies. He is awaiting a reply from her.

P.R. – Katherine let the group know that a FaceBook page for the Commission will be created this week after she creates a gmail account for Commission use. There was a brief conversation about the Commission's need to decide what topics and issues to share or support on social media.

Katima shared information about the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, where Frankfort had a score off 66/100. She indicated that she would share the article with the group.

Upcoming Events: Katima told the Commission that Franklin County Health Department employee Marie will work with local group For The People on events to be held on June 5th, including a march and activities in conjunction with Ky. State University and Josephine Sculpture Park. She also mentioned the idea of Frankfort having a Diversity Officer, which is something the group would like to explore.

Lisa informed members about the annual Shop & Share event at local Kroger stores from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 12th where folks can donate items needed for their local domestic violence programs. Jason indicated that he would be participating as a member of the Sunshine Center board of directors.

Katherine shared information about the upcoming K-Count, a point-in-time count of local people who are homeless, and there was discussion about what services might be available to these citizens.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Katima Smith-Willis made the motion to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. with a second from Lisa Gabbard, and all voted in favor.