

AGENDA

CITY OF OXFORD CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

LANE PUBLIC LIBRARY THE HAUVINGHURST ROOM

MEMBERS

Dan Umbstead
Brian Revalee

Tiffany Williams
Kathy McMahon-Klosterman

STAFF

Doug Elliott, City Manager

Kim Newton, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes.
 - A. Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Civil Rights Commission Regular Meeting.
3. New Business.
 - A. Guest Amy Macechko, Coalition for a Healthy Community – Discussion of the city sidewalk and accessibility study.
4. Old Business.
 - A. Upcoming Meetings/Guests
5. Adjournment.

OXFORD CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
November 9, 2017

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The Oxford Civil Rights Commission Meeting of September 14, 2017 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Doug Elliott, Director. Those members present were: Dan Umbstead, Kathy McMahon-Klosterman, and Tiffany Williams.

Brian Revalee was excused.

Rebekah Bolser was absent.

Kim Newton, Recording Secretary was in attendance for the City.

Sabrina Jewell, PFLAG Representative -

ITEM 2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Community Relations Commission Meeting.

Mr. Umbstead moved to approve the September 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Ms. McMahon-Klosterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3
NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Kelley Kimple, Director of Office of Diversity Affaires at Miami University.

Introductions were made to Ms. Kimple by the Commission. Ms. Kimple discussed her operation and responsibilities of her position noting she started her position in August 2016 and has hired three (3) new staff members to cover three divisions which include, Diverse Student Development, LGBTQ Services and the Women's Center. Ms. Kimple advised their primary goal is to work with students and provide a space for them to feel welcome in. General discussion ensued.

Ms. Sabrina Jewell, PFGLAG representative was in the audience and advised she was working with a group on the "Not in Our Town" (NIOT) initiative. Ms. Jewell noted the initiative started in the 1990's after a hate crime occurred in Billings, Montana where a Jewish family had put their Menorah in their window during Hanukkah and someone threw a brick or stone through their window. Ms. Jewell advised after the incident the town of Billings advised everyone put Menorah's in their windows to show unity and acceptance. Ms. Jewell noted one of the founders is a woman named Rayon Miller who graduated from Western College around 1978

or 79 and advised the group had learned about the NIOT initiative at the Ohio Town and Gown summit this past summer and are really excited about being a part of this initiative. Ms. Jewell advised City Council and Miami University affirmed their commitment to be part of the movement and noted the next step is to try and figure out what group can take this on. Ms. Jewell advised the city of Bowling Green, Ohio started their NIOT initiative over four years ago noted she and Mayor Rousmaniere will be traveling to Bowling Green to learn more on how they became successful in their community. General discussion ensued.

B. Discussion of Membership.

Mr. Elliott advised the student representative of the Commission has missed the last four meetings and has not returned calls or emails sent her. Mr. Elliott advised he will request that Council officially remove the student representative from the Commission and advertise on the City website that a vacancy exists on the Commission.

ITEM 4
OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Umbstead moved and Ms. McMahon-Klosterman seconded to adjourn at 5:08 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.