

OXFORD COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
January 12, 2017

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The Oxford Community Relations Commission Meeting of January 12, 2017 was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Doug Elliott, Director. Those members present were: Patrick Meade, Kathy McMahon-Klosterman and Rebekah Bolser. Dan Umbstead and Brian Jong were excused.

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

ITEM 2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 8, 2016 Community Relations Commission Meeting.

Mr. Mead moved to approve the December 8, 2016 meeting minutes. Ms. McMahon-Klosterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3
NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of “Bystander” Training.

Ms. McMahon-Klosterman advised she had reached out to Miami University regarding “Bystander” training and noted she was not able to make contact with someone to provide the training to the CRC and advised she would try to make contact again when classes resumed. Ms. McMahon-Klosterman handed out information she received online regarding bystander intervention and training.

B. Other Items of Interest.

Mr. Elliott advised he would like the CRC to meet with a few students from Talawanda High School to discuss the climate and environment for diversity and inclusion at the school. Mr. Elliott noted he would contact Principal Tom York to setup a visit to the school during the next regular meeting in February. Mr. Elliott also advised he would like to invite the new director of Diversity Affairs at Miami University to a future CRC meeting.

Ms. Bolser advised she is involved in the “Vote Everywhere” program through the Andrew Goodman Foundation, which focuses on voter registration and creating a culture that encourages civic engagement on Campus. Ms. Bolser advised the

Provost Office at Miami is looking for groups of people to submit a series of presentations regarding civic engagement and noted the “Vote Everywhere” group is putting together a presentation on the “Ohio Civic Health Index”. Ms. Bolser inquired if the CRC would be interested in making a presentation on the climate in Oxford. Mr. Elliott noted it is difficult to be objective and suggested the Commission could meet with the group to let them know who the CRC is and talk about community resources and what the CRC has learned as a Commission. Ms. Bolser advised she would find out who is coordinating the presentations at the Provost Office including dates of the presentations and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Bolser advised she would email the CRC a copy of the “Ohio Civic Health Index”.

ITEM 4
OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McMahon-Klosterman inquired about amending the ordinance to add two (2) additional members to the CRC and Mr. Meade advised he would try to recruit individuals interested in serving on the CRC and if there were enough interest the CRC could ask City Council to consider amending the ordinance. Mr. Elliott noted attendance has never been a problem in the past and advised he would reach out to Mr. Jong and ask him if he would consider resigning from the Commission.

ADJOURN

Ms. McMahon-Klosterman moved and Mr. Meade seconded to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.