

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
June 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Oxford Civil Rights Commission meeting of June 17, 2021 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Doug Elliott, City Manager. Members present were: Brian Revalee, Matt Arbuckle and Lisa Newman.

INTRODUCTIONS

Since the last meeting was virtual, and some members had not met face to face, Mr. Elliott and commission members introduced themselves and provided some information about themselves and their objectives. A common theme was they wanted to participate in civic life and make a positive impact on the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Civil Rights Commission Meeting. (Tabled)

Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Civil Rights Commission Meeting.

Mr. Revalee moved to remove the Minutes of the December 12, 2019 from the table. Mr. Arbuckle seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Revalee moved to approve the minutes with one correction to the Minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting. Ms. Newman seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Mr. Elliott referred to the City Council Listening Session, which took place on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 prior to the regular meeting and advised a recent Miami University graduate voiced her concerns about harassment of LGBTQ persons in the community. Mr. Elliott noted the speaker talked about her experiences in Oxford over the past 4 years and asked Council to consider additional legislation to help keep everyone in Oxford safe. Mr. Elliott advised the Law Director was reviewing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 541.08 entitled "Ethnic Sexual Orientation Intimidation" to see how the language could be enhanced. Mr. Elliott noted the Law Director was also reviewing legislation adopted by the City of Columbus to see if it might be useful for Oxford. Mr. Elliott advised he would keep the CRC posted with regard to any new proposed legislation. Mr. Elliott noted he would like to invite Nloh Masango-Dibo, Director, Diversity Outreach & Programming, at Miami University to be a guest speaker at the next meeting, which will take place in September.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – CRC’S ROLE

Mr. Elliott advised as part of the Comprehensive Plan update a community survey would be launched soon and encouraged CRC members to provide him with any questions they would like to see included in the survey.

Ms. Newman noted concerns about issues at the mobile home park and advised she heard vehicles were being towed without warning being given to the owners who thought they were in compliance with parking regulations.

ADJOURN

Mr. Revalee moved to adjourn at 4:36 p.m. Ms. Newman seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.