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Council mtg.

York City Human Relations Commissions Update to City Council
Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Current Commissioners

- Amy Chamberlain
- Cheril Chronister
- Raquel Lilly, Acting Secretary/Treasurer
- Rebecca Moore
- Mark Rhodes
- Karen Rollins-Fitch, Acting Chair
- James Sawor, Acting Chair
- Stan Sexton
- Caroline Williams
- Ken Woerthwein

Ten of the eleven vacancies on the Commission are filled at this time. The office is still operating with one staff person, Johanna Ramirez, the administrative intake support specialist. We are in the final stages of hiring an investigator. The expectation is that this position will be staffed by the end of June. We are in contract with Kathryn Slade for legal services.

Community Engagement

- YWCA Race Against Racism
- Education First Parade and Rally
- Attended the York Community Foundation Annual Meeting
- Attends the Hispanic Coalition Networking Group
- We will attend and sponsor The 4th Annual Jose Hernandez, Spring Festival sponsored by the Hispanic Center, on June 14th.
- Participating in the YWCA, Racial Justice Committee
- PHRC York County Advisory Council
- Beginning to distribute the Employment Provisions notice from the York City Ordinance, Article 185, to employers with over 5 employees

We recently populated our committees and now have a chair and co-chair of the Planning and Community Relations committee. Scheduling a meeting at this time to have a larger discussion on the direction that the Commissioners will like to see the Commission move towards. This meeting will take place in early June.

The HRC is in the final stages of completing one of the bigger goals for this year. We are currently in the 30-day public comment period on the amended Practice and Procedures for the Commission. The last day for public comment is June 18, 2014.

Budgetary

Our staff member was given a raise in December 2013 and a COLA in January 2014 bringing her salary to \$35,080.

As we have processed through to secure an attorney we will need to add additional funds to (42020-00000) that line item for next year, \$2,500 is just a little to conservative in today's market.

We did receive a grant for \$4,700.00 from the Girard Athletic Association Sports Club to use towards programming specifically for youth.

Respectively Submitted by:

Karen Rollins-Fitch