



Meeting Minutes

Human Relations Conference Room, City Hall

January 16, 2019

3:00pm

Commission members present:, Kimberly Huff, Tana Zwart, Sheila Sandness, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Josh Reinfeld, Deb Aden

Commission members absent: Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Morgan Jackson

Staff present: Valerie Schonewill, Human Relations Specialist; Leah Bernard, Human Relations Intern

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

November minutes were approved.

New Business

A. ARTability

The group discussed plans for 2019 ARTability. Schonewill would create the Call to Art, Huff would arrange for the flowers, Sandness would arrange for the food, Jorgensen would reserve the Museum of Visual Materials. A timeline for tasks was created, as well as a list of organizations to contact.

Civil Rights Update

Bernard provided the group with information about the Human Relations Office discrimination cases – 11 of the 40 cases that are open are based on disability (33%).

An 11.3 million dollar settlement was obtained in a lawsuit against Mid-America Apartment Communities brought on by the Department of Justice. The lawsuit concerned fifty apartment complexes, which were in violation of the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act due to not being built in an accessible manner.

Also, a lawsuit was brought against the city of St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana by the Department of Justice for repeatedly refusing to accommodate the zoning ordinance for two proposed group homes for children with disabilities.

Public Comment

No public was present for public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2019 at 3:00pm in the Human Relations Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill.