

## Boyle County Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes: 01/25/16

The scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Human Rights Commission was held at the Boyle County Courthouse, on January 25, 2016. Members in attendance: Amy Barkman, Gary Barkman, Arlen Finke, Susie Kelly, and Kathy Miles. Also present: Peter McCaffrey, interpreter for the deaf.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Kathy Miles, and Amy Barkman gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the October (the most recent) meeting were emailed to members by Kathy Miles, Secretary. A motion was made by Susie Kelly, seconded by Gary Barkman to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

Arlen Finke gave an update on a meeting with Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center regarding the use of VRI with deaf patients. He and 2 other members of the deaf community met with 3 hospital representatives on November 18. The hospital representatives were positive about what they learned from their participation in the Kentucky Association of the Deaf Conference. The hospital reported that they are working on a plan to address the use of VRI, and will be including a community member on a committee. They asked to meet again after the holidays, but no meeting has been set at this point. Arlen will be back in touch with the hospital.

Arlen Finke stated that members of the deaf community have not heard back from the Kentucky Human Rights Commission, regarding the complaints they filed this summer re: the use of VRI. Amy Barkman volunteered to call the Kentucky HR Commission office, to inquire, after she receives the names of the complainants from Kathy Miles.

Gary Barkman reported on his complaint to the City of Danville re: the lack of a ramp in to the Community Arts Center during the extended construction. A ramp was installed after his complaint.

Kathy Miles reported there has been no further contact with the state office in Frankfort, regarding the SPGE application problem since November. She will follow up with Mary Conley, Boyle County Treasurer.

There was no known follow up to the potential complaint which was heard in the October meeting.

### New Business:

Arlen Finke reported that he has learned that there may be new complaints regarding the use of VRI in Danville and in Stanford. If he hears directly of this, he will offer complaint forms, Susie Kelly can notarize them, and Kathy Miles can mail them in for the complainants.

Kathy Miles reported that the local chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth has inquired if the Human Rights Commission would like to learn more about asking local officials to adopt URLTA (Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant Act) to more formally address tenant and property owner rights. After a discussion of the information presented from the website regarding the details of URLTA, a motion was

made by Amy Barkman, seconded by Gary Barkman, to take no further action of support. Motion carried. Kathy Miles will report to KFTC local chapter.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Barkman, seconded by Susie Kelly to adjourn. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

\*Next meeting: February 22, 6:00 PM, Boyle County Courthouse. Arrive promptly and enter by the 4th Street door.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary