



**Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission
September 20, 2016
Atkinson Library, Milwaukee WI**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Commissioners Jason Rae, Rob Smith, Martha Love, Lukischa Ramos, Danielle Bailey and County Executive's Representative Nate Holton.

Absent: Commissioners Supreme Okomunde-Moore and Rev. Willie Brisco

- I. Call to Order 3:36
- II. Review of Meeting Minutes- Bailey Motion to Approve, Seconded by Smith. All in favor- 3 Ayes.
- III. No Public Comments- No community members present
- IV. Update on Website- Active email address, is receiving email. We still need bios from Supreme Moore & Lukischa Ramos. Bailey will send to Nate Holt when complete.
- V. Update on Office of African-American Affairs (Holt)
 - A. Rec'd funding after being laid over by Board multiple times. Reached compromise with the Board re: housing of office (comptroller v County Exec), instead it is a separate county department. Board can confirm Director, appointed by Executive, and answers to Executive
 - B. Hiring 4 positions- Dir. (still open, looking to get a recruiting firm), Dev. Specialist (down to finalists), Community Engagement (posted, will post again), Research & Program Mgr. (currently posted).
 - C. Focus on workforce development infrastructure in County & criminal justice reform (Access to queryable CCAP data- to measure recidivism rates & expungement (use & non-use)
 - D. City is also working on starting OAAA
 - E. Projected to be fully staffed by end of year
- VI. Budget 2017 Presentation- Holt
 - A. Completed early November
 - B. Per Comptroller- Gap btw revenue & expenditures of 39 million
 1. Go Pass users have increased (5 million revenue loss due to increase in users), discussing with Board Members currently, i.e. vehicle registration fee increase
 2. Public Safety Plan
 - i. Exec proposing a 1.5 million property tax levy, will allow sheriff to mostly maintain force, may need to make some cuts
 - ii. Going in opposite direction of Public safety Report, Not looking to add law enforcement. Looking to increase electronic monitoring, vs. decrease
 - iii. Discussion on letter supporting alternative investments in community over Sherriff's proposed budget to hire new personnel. Moved by Love and seconded by Smith to send letter to Board & Finance Committee on Sheriff's Budget re: hiring of new personnel
 - C. Funds for HRC possible in 2016, Update on Budget Request for HRC- Rae to follow up



- VII. Request for Water to be declared as a human right- Review of letter from FLAC and Discussion by Commissioners
 - A. Motion to layover, and have further discussion at next meeting. Bailey to research additional information on subject/calls for action/proposed policies to determine appropriate Commission action
 - B. County Economic Development will come out with proposal regarding lead pipes
- VIII. Commissioner Ramos- raised issue of Colon's re-appointment- Board discussion followed.
- IX. Commissioner Bailey- Would like MCHRC to discuss Sherman Park Uprising & potential HRC involvement & community collaboration- table for next meeting.
- X. Commissioner Love discussed parks issues & new county land sales, requested copy of charter regarding parks, if exists. Holt- parks not included in land sales. Discussed how are parks acquired, park by park basis.
- XI. Announcements- LGBT Know Your Rights Cards are here. Contact lgbtbar.wi@gmail.com if you want to receive cards.
- XII. Adjournment- 5:04 p.m.