

ONEONTA, NEW YORK - NOVEMBER 29, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS**

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PRESENT: Chair Joyce Miller
Commissioner Jeremy Redlien
Commissioner Fida Mohammad
Commissioner Teressa Sivvers
Council Member Russ Southard

ABSENT: Commissioner Tom Kelly

Chair Miller called the regular meeting to order and called the roll.

PETITIONERS

The Chair indicated there were no petitioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair indicated there was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair indicated there were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The commission approved the minutes of the regular meetings held September 27, 2012, as written, without benefit of a motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up on plans made for Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – January 20th

Chair Miller stated Commissioner Redlien and she had met with people from the NAACP and started the plans for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event on January 20, 2013. She said Commissioner Redlien volunteered to be a presenter.

Commissioner Redlien stated he had proposed doing a presentation on Mr. Bayard Rustin who was gay and planned the 1965 March on Washington and worked very closely with Martin Luther King. He said he was waiting to see if the event's committee accepted that.

Chair Miller stated there would be a follow-up meeting of the committee on the event.

Chair Miller encouraged all to attend the afternoon celebration that would be held at the Elm Park United Methodist Church.

NEW BUSINESS

The commission held a brief discussion on opportunities of doing educational presentations on diverse and cultural topics in 2013 and would discuss that further in January.

The commission discussed the 2013 Trailblazer Award and agreed to go with the similar calendar for last year's award where it would be advertised in March with the presentation in April. She said she would pass on her folder following through with this since she wasn't sure she would be reappointed.

Chair Miller stated that she looked at the terms of the commission and Commissioner Mohammed's and her term expires January 1, 2013. She said if the Mayor abides by the new Charter the commission would be looking for new members because there were already two vacancies. She said

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(New Business) continued

she wanted to make everyone aware of that situation. She said the Mayor and she have not been too successful in finding candidates. She said candidates needed to live in the city.

The commission held a brief discussion on trying to find candidates that represented minorities and the economic diversity such as people who work in some of the social service agencies/schools who actually see the needs in the community. Some of the commissioners said they had ideas for candidates and would talk to those persons to see if they were interested and lived in the city.

Chair Miller stated the Mayor was open to suggestions and thoughts of possible candidates.

Chair Miller indicated there would be no December meeting.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Miller adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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