

City of New Orleans

Human Relations Commission

Public Meeting Notice

October 12, 2017

Mitchell J. Landrieu,

Mayor

Lawrence G. Bagneris,

Executive Director

Members of the HRC will meet in regular session, on September 14, 2017, at the A.A.R.P. Office Building Boardroom, 3502 S. Carrollton Avenue, at 4:15 PM.

- I. Call to Order. Introductions.**
- II. Review of the Minutes for September meeting.**
- III. Election of Officers.**
- IV. Executive Director's Report:**
 - a. Billboard campaign: TIPS.**
 - b. Reports on outreach at City Hall.**
 - c. Meeting with EMS.**
 - d. Facebook.**
 - e. 2 neighborhood problems**
- V. HRC Chairperson's Report: Craig Stewart.**
- VI. New business: Committees for outreach in December for community based non-profit Chairpersons:**
 - 1. Names of organizations.**
 - 2. Refreshments Committee**
- VII. Announcements:**
- VIII. Adjournment.**

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**Minutes
City of New Orleans
Human Relations Commission
4:30 PM Thursday, September 14, 2017
AARP Offices
3502 S. Carrollton Ave, Suite C**

Present: Larry Bagneris Jr., Tammy Barney, Adonis Expose, Nathalie Nia Faulk, Laura Fine, Diana Frank, Caroline Good, Joseph Halm, Eva Hurst-San Martin, Clay Latimer, Lang Le, Meredith Reed, Craig Stewart, Julie Thibodaux, Earl Williams.

Absent: Janie Blackmon, Rabbi Edward Cohn, Anita Curran (Legal Counsel), David Robinson-Morris, La'Tanja Silvester.

- I. Call to Order & Introductions of HRC Members at 4:35 p.m.**
- II. Swearing in ceremonies of all HRC members.**
- III. Review of July minutes** – Thibodaux moved, and Hurst-San Martin seconded to approve the July 2017 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Executive Director's Report – Larry Bagneris.**

Bagneris said he had exciting news about the TIPS campaign. The public relations firm he is working with said once it receives the approved text from the mayor's office, city council and the convention center, the firm will create the awareness campaign. The firm is currently developing the program, and that all the client interviews are complete. Bagneris said it is rolling along, and he would like to see the campaign roll out in January.

The HRC Report in September focused on bullying including two representatives from Communities in Schools on the show. The October Report celebrated the ADA Anniversary and provided information about the ADA Committee which meets every third Thursday of the month. The November show will be a year in review. Bagneris said Southern Decadence was another positive experience, which drew the most visitors since its inception (250,000 people). Bagneris added he was impressed with the work of the State Police in helping to avoid and resolve any conflicts. Bagneris informed members that the election of officers for 2017-18 will occur at the October meeting. He asked that members reach out to fellow commissioners before the next meeting if they are interested in running.

Bagneris gave a review of two cases, which were both resolved. The first one was Mr. Morris vs. Robert's Grocery. Mr. Morris said that he was not allowed to sit at the store. Morris felt like he was being discriminated against because he was African-American, but when Bagneris visited the store, he found out that Mr. Morris was a nuisance. The second case was Walk-On's vs. Mr. Joseph, which focused on employment discrimination. Mr. Joseph's mom called to claim discrimination after her son was fired from Walk-Ons. In fact, it was Mr. Joseph's significant other who was fired, and after reviewing the surveillance video, Bagneris said Mr. Joseph caused a scene, and that was the reason why he was fired from another job. Bagneris said Mr. Joseph was in the wrong, and that the case was closed.

V. Chairperson's Report – Craig Stewart.

Stewart said he recently finished his ADL training, and that the program is now happening at his son's school. He said it is amazing how many topics they touch on because it has a possible influence on people's lives.

VI. Unfinished Business – None.

VII. New Business.

Bagneris said the HRC will host a reception during the December HRC meeting to bring in leaders of local non-profits so commissioners can share information about the HRC. He asked members to share their contacts with the secretary to create a guest list for the meeting. He would like to finalize the list at the next meeting and create committees for the event.

VIII. Announcements and Comments.

The HRC will conduct voter outreach at City Hall on Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members are encouraged to volunteer to ensure that everyone is registered to vote as well as to spread awareness about the HRC. Stewart said members from the Office of Registered Voters will be on hand to assist.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Halm, Secretary