Minutes City of New Orleans Human Relations Commission 4 PM Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 Xavier University Annex Building 7910 Stroelitz Street

Present: Larry Bagneris Jr., Tammy Barney, Janie Blackmon, Rabbi Edward Cohn, Anita Curran (Legal Counsel), Adonis Expose, Nathalie Nia Faulk, Laura Fine, Diana Frank, Caroline Good, Eva Hurst-San Martin, Clay Latimer, Lang Le, Meredith Reed, David Robinson-Morris, La'Tanja Silvester, Craig Stewart, Julie Thibodaux, Earl Williams.

Absent: Joseph Halm.

- I. Social Hour with Non-Profit Representatives from across New Orleans.
- II. Call to Order & Introductions of HRC Members at 5 p.m.
- **III. Review of minutes –** Tabled due to secretary's absence.

IV. Executive Director's Report – Larry Bagneris.

Bagneris provided an update on the vacant ADA administrator position. He said the city has received 15 applications and has interviewed five people. The city is still working to fill the position. He also provided an update on the TIPS program. Bagneris shared promotional images from the public relations firm working on the project. He plans to share the marketing items during a meeting with the New Orleans Convention and Visitors' Bureau in the near future.

Bagneris also explained the docket, which included three cases. The first case was K. Durby vs. the court system, which focused on a housing issue. Bagneris said he was able to settle the issue after Durby agreed to sell his house for a profit. The second case was K. Dickerson vs. Access TV. Dickerson was employed by Access TV, and his hours were reduced to part-time due to a funding issue. He accepted the hour reduction, but then began to have an issue with it. Bagneris said they were able to come to a resolution on that issue. The third case was S. Chaison vs. Parking Enforcement. Mr. Chaison had a parking issue when he was parked legally on the street only to have the parking sign removed while he was parked there. He received a ticket, but Bagneris was able to resolve the issue after Mr. Chaison provided photographic evidence that he was parked legally.

V. Chairperson's Report – Tammy Barney

Barney reported that she taped two episodes of the HRC Report. The January show focused on outreach to the ADA community especially ADA seating for Mardi Gras. The February show focused on Black History Month. Finally, there was a presentation to former chair Craig Stewart, which thanked him for his work with the HRC.

- VI. Unfinished Business None.
- VII. New Business None.
- *VIII.* Announcements and Comments None.
- *IX.* Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Halm, Secretary