

COMMISSION FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Minutes of Fair Housing Committee Meeting on July 19, 2016

Members present: Alex Coleman, Ernie Frey, Sandy Batchelder.

Absent: Dwain Tyndall, Sean Jaynes, Lloyd Gellineau.

Guest: Peter Wilner

In the absence of a quorum no action was taken to approve minutes of the June 7 meeting.

The members present discussed at length proposed amendments to the Town's Fair Housing Bylaw (Article 5.5) prepared by Ernie Frey and Sandy Batchelder. Another draft would be prepared for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee. In the meantime Town Counsel might be consulted about some legal definitions in the Bylaw.

Since no action could be taken on the proposed amendments in the absence of a quorum it was decided to schedule an additional meeting of the Committee on Wednesday August 3 at 6:30PM in the small conference room in the basement of the Public Health Building. This meeting would be devoted to further review of the proposed Bylaw changes with a view towards agreeing on a draft to be presented to the Commission for its approval on August 17. Another meeting of the Committee would be scheduled in August to review preparations for a Fair Housing training in September.

If the proposed Bylaw changes were approved by the Commission on August 17 a warrant article would be prepared for filing before the September 1 deadline. It was noted that the proposed changes included changes to provisions of Article 3.14 regarding the establishment of the Commission which were no longer relevant.

Minutes prepared by Sandy Batchelder