



# SHAKER HEIGHTS

## Fair Housing Review Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020 6:00 p.m. Conference Room B

Members Present: Council member Earl Williams, FHRB Chairperson  
Ann Millette, FHRB Member  
Meredith Turner, FHRB Member (participating via phone)

Staff Present: David Weiss, Mayor  
William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director of Law/Fair Housing Admin.  
Lisa Gold-Scott, Assistant Dir. of Law/Housing Attorney

### I. Preliminary Matters

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Williams at 6:10 pm. The minutes for the November 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Millette moved to approve, and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

### II. Report On Fair Housing Program

#### • Financial Report & Budget for 2020

Mr. Gruber reviewed the financial report. Since the last meeting, the \$18,000 HUD grant was deposited with the City on December 12, 2019. Expenditures for 2019 were reviewed, as were anticipated expenditures for 2020. Since the last meeting, the City has entered into a contract for fair housing services with the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research for a total of \$13,500. Because of this item, the budget was revised. There being no questions on the financial report, Ms. Millette moved to approve the report with Ms. Turner seconding her motion. The vote to approve the financial report was unanimous.

#### • Complaint Status

Ms. Gold-Scott reported that there are three open complaints:

1. Hill: allegation of discrimination based on sex – discriminatory terms, conditions and interference/intimidation in housing rights. The tenant vacated, and has legal counsel. There is ongoing litigation between the two that was initiated by a rent depositing action by the tenant/complainant.
2. Littlejohn: refusal to rent based on race and familial status. Testing results were inconclusive. The investigation will continue.
3. Morgan: discrimination based on race and disability. The complainants vacated. Investigation is stalled as it has been difficult to reach the complainants, although an interview was conducted with the respondent (owner of the property).

#### • Education & Outreach

Nothing to report from November through this meeting date.

### III. New Business

- At the last meeting, staff discussed a proposal from the Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research for 3 trainings and testing activities. Since then, a contract has been executed between the City and the FHC for these activities. The term of the contract is for 1 year (January – December 2020).
- Fair Housing Month proposed activities:
  - Fair Housing Resolution, to be introduced by Chairman Williams to City Council in March
  - Library book display – staff from FHC is working with the Shaker Library on book titles and ideas for this month-long display in the front lobby area.
  - Seminar for Condominiums – this is being planned by the FHC and City staff
  - Shaker Life magazine - there will be a full-page ad, plus an article about the fair housing office
  - Community Builder program - staff and members discussed the possibility of sending out communication (letter or email) to this list of community advocates and leaders to remind them of services offered by our office.
- Ms. Gold-Scott shared with the group a copy of a research report from the FHC about Zoning and Fair Housing in Northeast Ohio.
- Training opportunities: Ms. Gold-Scott informed members about 2 upcoming opportunities for training, the NCRC conference in early April and the Fair Housing Resource Center's conference on zoning and land use issues in late April.
- Board members were also reminded that there is 1 vacancy to be filled, and any recommendations should be given to Mr. Gruber for consideration.

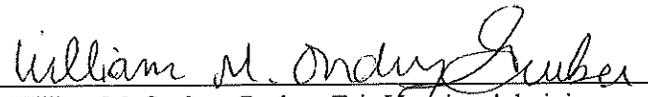
### IV. Future Meetings

Members discussed the next meeting date would tentatively be May 14, 2020 at 6pm. Staff will follow up with an email.

### V. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Ms. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded by Ms. Millette and approved unanimously by all.

Submitted By:

  
William M. Ondrey Gruber, Fair Housing Administrator  
Approved 5-14-20

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