



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Fair Housing Review Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2019 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

Members Present: Council member Earl Williams, FHRB Chairperson
Ann Millette, FHRB Member
Sacara Miller, FHRB Member

Staff Present: 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 6:35 p.m. The minutes for the September 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Millette moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Miller seconded her motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

II. Report On Fair Housing Program

- **Financial Report & Budget for 2019**

Mr. Gruber reviewed the actual financial figures for 2018. There was no grant revenue in 2018, although there was a signed agreement in September. The funds were not deposited into the account until February 2019 so the \$14,000 will appear in the 2019 budget.

An “administrative cost plan” was submitted to HUD, per their annual requirement.

The 2019 proposed budget was reviewed.

Ms. Miller moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Ms. Millette seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Complaint Status**

Ms. Gold-Scott reported there are three (3) open complaint cases, and one older case was recently closed. There are two (2) new cases – that still need to be processed - from the Fair Housing Center, that do not involve bona fide complainants but rather are based on testing evidence.

- **Education & Outreach**

Ms. Gold-Scott informed the group that the City had entered into an agreement with ESOP, a subsidiary of Benjamin Rose, to benefit senior citizen residents and provide additional resources to seniors facing a myriad of challenges including financial difficulties and other related issues. A staff person from ESOP will keep “office hours” at the STJ Community Building. ESOP has already announced a series of seven (7) free workshops, beginning on March 12, designed for seniors that address a wide range of consumer-related and financial issues.

At the last meeting, Ms. Gold-Scott mentioned that HUD’s FHIP-FHAP policy conference was rescheduled for late November 2018 in Washington, DC. She reported on the highlights of the conference and shared materials with the group.

In November 2018, Ms. Gold-Scott and Mr. Gruber attended a CLE hosted by the North East Ohio Law Director's Association featuring Assistant County Law Director Awatef Asaad, Susan Becker, General Counsel of the ACLU of Cleveland, and Lakewood Law Director Kevin Butler for a panel on anti-discrimination ordinances and protections for the LGBTQ community.

The Northeast Ohio Fair Housing Collaborative will host the next meeting in early March and the topic will be announced about a week before. Ms. Gold-Scott makes every effort to attend these in order to stay connected regionally with other fair housing practitioners.

III. New Business

- April is National Fair Housing Month. In observance of this annual celebration, we will 1) place a full-page ad in the Spring edition of Shaker Life Magazine; 2) host a fair housing training event on April 25, 2019 in conjunction with the Fair Housing Center, at the STJ Community Building; and 3) introduce a resolution to City Council recognizing April as National Fair Housing Month.
- Discussion was held on upcoming future events for training for board members, and the feasibility of the FHRB hosting an event for the community, such as a seminar on visitability, fair housing and condominium issues, and how to incorporate accessible modifications when renovating your home. We also discussed trainings designed for Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review members, as well as local architects and other interested parties.
- There is still 1 vacancy for this Board. Members are encouraged to submit any suggested names directly to Bill or Lisa.

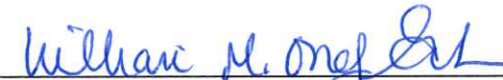
IV. Future Meetings

Members suggested the following as future meeting dates for the remainder of the year: May 15, 2019; August 21, 2019; and November 20, 2019. Staff will send reminders to members and reserve meeting space for each upcoming meeting.

V. Adjournment

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

Submitted By:



William M. Ondrey Gruber, Fair Housing Administrator

Approved 8-27-19

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