



ROCK ISLAND
HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

Mission: The mission of the Rock Island Human Rights Commission is to bring about greater public awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists within the community and to ensure that all humans are treated equally, regardless of race gender, religion, age, or disability.

03-21-2019

The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third (3) Thursday of each month beginning at 5:00.

Location: Conference Room
 Martin Luther King Jr. Center
 630 Martin Luther King Dr
 Rock Island, IL 61201

City Liaison: Jerry Jones
 Chairman: Quincy Davis
 Vice Chairman: Janet Lockhart-Johnson
 Secretary: Clayton Peterson

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Quincy Davis.. The following commission members were present (P):

	Thurgood Brooks	P	Jerry Jones, City Liaison
P	Quincy Davis, Chairman	P	Jason Lopez
P	Gregg Hampton	P	Clayton Peterson, Secretary
P	Christiana Headley		Vernon Soeken
P	David Levin	P	Vincent Thomas
	Janet Lockhart Johnson, Vice Chairman	P	Allison Wright

Welcome.

II. GUEST PRESENTOR: SHARON CARLSON CEO, QUAD CITY AREA REALTORS

A. This was conducted in January and should not have been part of the agenda.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A. Those present had opportunity to review and accept the minutes. Motion to approve Jason Lopez, 2nd Gregg Hampton, consensus.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

V. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A. The Members present expressed concern about the health of Vernon Soeken.
Liaison Jerry Jones will address this situation with the Mayor.

- B. Consideration of possible new membership: Police Department/Officer, Corrections, Probation. Names suggested were David L. Ballie(?), Alan Shuler(?), Chris Britton(?)

June 2019	June 2020	June 2021
Vince Thomas	Christiana Headley	Thurgood Brooks
	David Levin	Quincy Davis
	Jason Lopez	Gregg Hampton
	Clayton Peterson	Janet Lockhart Johnson
	Vernon Soeken (Vacant)	
	Allison Wright	

VI. OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATE ON CURRENT COMPLAINTS

- A. 59-2018-AJS: A letter was sent to Johannes Bus Service on November 28, 2018, “default ruling letter”, and no response to that correspondence at this time. A second letter was sent December 22, 2018, and a follow up phone call, with no response.

Secretary Peterson will compose a letter ruling in favor of the complainant sent to Johannes Bus Service and a copy of that letter will be sent to the complainant with suggestions as how he may proceed with this letter. He has 300 days from the initial incident.

- B. 60-2018-JEF: Resolved in January. Should not have been on the agenda.
 C. 61-2018-RDH: Resolved in January and felt the Housing Authority was in compliance with Housing Authority rental contracts.
Secretary Peterson will compose a letter to the complainant indicating the commission felt there was no discrimination.

- D. ?61-2019 LS: Issued duplicate number, no written complaint received.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/COMPLAINTS.

- A. It has been brought to the members that we should have official e-mail addresses rather than use our personal accounts.

Gerald Jones, Liaison will discuss this with the city. If we were to get address they would be full name last first, first name and @rigov.com Peterson.clayton@rigov.com

- B. Members are reminded that they need to complete the Open Meetings Act training and submit the Certificate of completion to the City Clerk Judith Gilbert 309-732-2010.

VIII. PENDING COMPLAINTS

- A. 62-2019-LB: *no action was taken. We assigned Gregg Hampton to further investigate the complaint and deliver a form for the complainant to fill out. From that information we will determine the validity of the complaint.*

FYI: Concern about the complaint received after the meeting agenda had been posted and less than 48 hours before the meeting. “My only concern would be that making any decisions with regard to the complaint would constitute taking action on it and it is not listed on our agenda. The agenda cannot be changed within 48 hours of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act so we cannot amend it to include the new complaint at this time. We cannot take action of any items that are not germane to a topic listed on the agenda.”

- B. 64-2019-?? Will be the next number in the count as I goofed and assigned 61 to two complaints.

C. FURTHER EDUCATION

- A. It has been suggested that we review the guide that Allison Write has provided.
- B. Members should respond to Gerald Jones if they are able to attend the meetings.

D. ADJORN

Next meeting: the Rock Island Human Rights Commission normally meets the third Thursday of each month, April, 18 2019, 630 Martin Luther King Dr. Rock Island, IL 61201 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

ONGOING COMMUNITY

3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Rock Island Police Department started an open forum meeting the third Wednesday of each month for the community to express their concerns and visa-versa. The first meeting was held August 18, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room 1212 5th Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201. CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

FYI: Lead officer in HUD affiliated housing - Rock Island Police Department Lt. 316 16th Street Rock Island, IL 61201-8677. Lt. Steins Office phone number 309-732-2601 Cell direct 309-373-4009 Email esteins.timothy@rigov.org

As a point of information: all Commission members must take the Open Meetings Act training. It is 67 short pages, the link for this training is <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net> After the completion these certificates must be on file with the City Clerk. gilbert.judith@rigov.org