

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.

05-16-2019

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):

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

Welcome.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A. Vernon Soeken 11-21-1939 ~ 04-02-2019 Condolences to the family
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
	V S (Vacant)	
	Allison Wright	

V. OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATE ON CURRENT COMPLAINTS

- A. 59-2018-AJS: Complete.
- B. 61-2019 LS: No written complaint received, complete
- C. 62:2019 LB: Member Gregg Hampton delivered a form and discussed the complaint with the complainant. No for received at this time, complete/closed.

VI. 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, sent out official e-mail address with password to each commission member: example 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.
- C. The Rock Island Human Rights complaint may now be completed online. Google Rock Island Human Rights Commission, scroll down to filing a complaint, click on complaint, it will open the complaint form.

VII. PENDING COMPLAINTS

- A. 64-2019-EKR: *no action was taken as this complaint was received the day of the meeting. Jason Lopez and Thurgood Brooks will follow up on this 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.” Allison Wright (from the minutes of March 2019)*

VIII. FURTHER EDUCATION

- A. Members should respond to Gerald Jones if they are able to attend the meetings.

IX. ADJORN

Next meeting: the Rock Island Human Rights Commission normally meets the third Thursday of each month, June, 20 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