

City of Tampa
Human Rights Board
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019

The City of Tampa Human Rights Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Lemon Street Municipal Office Building, 4900 W. Lemon Street – 1st Floor, Tampa, Florida 33609.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Carswell
Tomika Cole

Sylvia Hubbard
John Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Parker Homans
Janet MacNealy
Ashley Roberts

CITY OF TAMPA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Betina Baron
Shakayla Birch
Rebecca Cortes
Kevin Iravani

Patricia Newton
Mindi Rainey
Justin Vaske
Christine Boulos (Cooley Law School Extern)

GUESTS:

Community Conversations for Change:

Douglas Walker, Sr. Servant, Tyer Temple United Methodist Church
Cheryl Faries, Dir. Of Program Development, Tampa Bay Center for Community Transformation, Inc.

World Mission Society Church of God:

Kristin Hayde, Peter Silson and 4 Students Representing Save The World From A to Z (ASEZ), Elizabeth Tejada, Sheena Murdock, Medinah Nabadduka, and Kimberly Grant

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chairman, Anthony Carswell, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – (1/9/13 & 2/13/19)

A quorum was not reached. Therefore, the minutes for January 9, 2019 and February 13, 2019 could not be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community Conversations for Change:

After P. Newton asked each guests for self-introductions, the Community Conversations for Change organizers opened with a PowerPoint presentation on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). Pastor D. Walker explained that the interactive workshop is a model for community engagement that seeks to help stakeholders work together to arrive at just solutions to community concerns. Using the “Dialogue to Change” model promoted by Everyday Democracy, the Tampa Bay Center for Community Transformation will train community members to facilitate Conversations for Change with the goal of arriving at achievable, mutually agreed upon next steps and solutions. C. Faries stated that the program consists of six sessions; each lasting two hours. There will be two pilot groups in the Belmont Heights

neighborhood. An invitation will be sent to P. Newton, the Human Rights Board and Tampa City Council to participate once the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership provides a confirmed event date. S. Hubbard expressed interest in obtaining more information and asked if the program will expand to other areas. C. Faries responded that they would go where the service was needed. T. Cole and J. Perry also expressed interest.

World Mission Society Church of God:

The Board Chair recognized K. Hayde, with World Mission Society Church of God, who introduced their organization. A PowerPoint followed with each student, Elizabeth Tejada, Sheena Murdock, Medinah Nabadduka, and Kimberly Grant, speaking on Article 3 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. The PowerPoint featured Save the Earth from A to Z (ASEZ), which focuses on crime reduction awareness, and worldwide forums. They informed the Board that they seek university students and global partners to support graffiti removal activities and cleanups to help solve crimes that are not limited to certain people, regions, or countries. There are an estimated 1,824 partners and ASEZ has recently received an award from U.S. President Donald Trump. They invited the Board to join them on March 24 2019, for an annual blood drive at World Mission Society Church of God, 4212 N. Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33603; and on March 31, 2019, for a street cleanup at E. Fletcher Avenue and N. 50th Street, in honor of ASEZ's crime prevention movement, in Tampa, FL.

REGULAR REPORTS

Supervisor's Report

P. Newton tabled her February 2019 report; but announced the 16th Fair Housing Symposium will be held April 26, 2019 in Tampa, FL. She extended an invitation to the Board and guests to join the one-day event.

OLD BUSINESS

Civil Rights Draft Statement – tabled for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Reasonable Cause Determination Letter and Board Member Statuses - tabled for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Lemon Street Municipal Office Building, 4900 W. Lemon Street – 1st Floor, Conference Room C, Tampa, FL 33609.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Perry, seconded by S. Hubbard, and the **motion passed** unanimously. The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted