

Auburn Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024
Moderator: Pastor Robert E. Wilson

Order: Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm, by Pastor Robert E. Wilson, at Auburn Memorial City Hall.

Roll Call: Present - Pastor Robert E. Wilson, Kathy Barnard, Gilda Brower, John Price, William Gonzalez, Linda Webster, William Tenity, Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson

Excused: William Berry

1. Approval of March 6th Agenda:

- Motion to approve by William Tenity – Seconded by John Price – Motion Carried

2. Approval of February’s Minutes:

- Motion to approve by William Gonzales - Seconded by John Price – Motion Carried

3. Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Barnhard reported that there is \$2,621.95 in the commission’s bank account, and \$285.73 remaining in the city budget,

- Motion to approve by William Tenity - Seconded by William Gonzales - Motion Carried

4. Committee Reports:

A. Education Committee: No new goals for 2024 presented for review.

- Gilda Brower presented a status report of the “Wellness Self-Assessment Initiative,” started in 2022. This initiative will be a carry over into 2024. An article announcing the “Social Justice Communities” approval of the “Wellness Self-Assessment tool” has been sent to the commissioners, the Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace, and the NAACP Board of Director’s for review. The plan is to submit this article to the Auburn Citizen

B. Training Committee: William Gonzales – William met with Blane Harding in regard to doing fall training. Questions, expectations and goals for the training were discussed between the two. Blane was asked to submit what the training would entail, and an estimate of his fee. One has been presented. The chair also spoke with Blane and requested ‘Bias Training’ specifically for commissioners, on the same day.

C. Community Outreach & Awareness: Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson – An action plan was presented focusing on the commission being more active and visible when it comes to community events.

- Bringing awareness to perceived employment disparities by black and brown people in the community. It’s a perception that they are overlooked when it comes to certain employment opportunities.
- Collaboration with other groups, agencies in the community, to bring awareness to health & wellness inequities and disparities when it comes to men, especially black and brown men.
- Endeavor to change some of the mistrust, fear, and misconceptions between law enforcement, and those in the black and brown communities.
- Acquire supplies and put together brochures to participate in community events (6 ft. foldable table, table cloth, brochures, handouts, etc.)

5. Previous Business:

- **Election of Officers:** No commissioners were interested in the nominations for secretary or treasurer. Kathy Barnhard, and Gilda Brower will remain in their respective positions as treasurer, and secretary of the commission.

5. Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion made by Gilda Brower 6:45 pm - Seconded by Rhoda Overstreet-Wilson - Motion Carried
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 5:45 pm, at Auburn Memorial City Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Gilda Brower, Secretary

Minutes Approved by, Pastor Robert E. Wilson, Chair