



City of Cedar Rapids
Civil Rights Commission
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 17, 2014
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Commissioners Present: Ms. Paulette Hall
Ms. Salma Igram- Chair
Mr. Keith Rippy
Mr. Robin Tucker

Staff Present: Ms. LaSheila Yates, Executive Director
Ms. Andrea Darnell, Administrative Assistant

Guest Present: Mr. Casey Drew- City of Cedar Rapids Finance Director

Meeting started at 4:45pm

Old Business:

Ms. Yates informed the committee that going forward we will be using the City of Cedar Rapids logo for meetings and correspondence instead of Civil Rights logo used previously.

Ms. Igram stated there was not a Finance Committee meeting in July awaiting closing of the FY2014 financials. The meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Casey Drew provided a FY14 Summary for the Civil Rights Commission. The previous deficit of over \$88,000 was now closed down to under \$2,600, clearing most of the deficit in one year well under the 3 year plan previously in place. The vacancies in staff and savings in operation costs closed most of the deficit. Ms. Igram added that having the city finance department speak at the Finance Committee meeting following the fiscal year is greatly appreciated and would like this to continue in the future.

Mr. Rippy stated with moving to a new location at Veterans Memorial the Commission will save on rental costs going forward.

New Business:

The new potential location for the Civil Right Commission will have another tour by the remaining members of the committee by the end of the week. The space will need work prior to move in by the Commission. The repairs are estimated to be completed by end of November for potential move of Dec. 1st. These repairs are of no cost to the Commission as well as moving is provided by new landlord.

The next meeting will be held between December and the end of January 2015.

The meeting ended at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Darnell