

**NEW ALBANY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020**

City-County Building, Small Conference Room
New Albany, Indiana

Commission Members and Officers in attendance:

Paul Kiger, President
Jennifer Ortiz, Vice President
Warren Nash, Commission Member
Greg Phipps, City Council

Meeting began at 5:39 p.m. Minutes from October 15, 2019 meeting were approved.

Communications: Members

Reported that there are no diversity trainings scheduled for spring 2020. We will seek out diversity trainings in late 2020.

Communications: Public

Katie Skinner from the Indiana University Southeast Design Center expressed interest in helping the Human Rights Commission develop a marketing plan for 2020. This plan would help the commission increase its public presence. Commission members agreed that Vice-President Ortiz will meet with the Design Center and report back at the April meeting.

Old Business:

Commission discussed updates on the Accessibility issue raised at the October 2019 meeting. We have received any updates from the concerned parties.

New Business:

The commission discussed the vacancy created by the resignation of Calle Janson. Greg Phipps provided information regarding the application process for the next appointment. Individuals wishing to apply for the vacancy should submit a resume and letter of interest to the New Albany Human Rights Commission at City Clerk's Office 311 Hauss Square, Room 332, New Albany, IN 47150. Applications are due by 5:00pm on January 31st, 2020.

The Louisville Urban League sent a letter to Mayor Gahan expressing concern about the economic impact closing the Sherman Minton Bridge will have on lower income individuals in New Albany and the West End.

Jennifer Ortiz motioned that the commission draft a letter to the Indiana Department of Transportation expressing our mutual concerns about the disparate impact a bridge closure would have on lower income individuals. The motion passed.

The next meeting date is April 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Paul Kiger

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Jennifer M. Ortiz

Jennifer Ortiz, Vice President