

CITY OF SANDUSKY

ADA/Fair Housing Advisory Board

Monday, January 22, 2018

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

1:00 PM

Members Present – Jeff Berquist, Diane Corso, Kathleen Wickens, Commissioner Lockhart

Members Absent – Lovey Leavell, Carol Steele, Martha Thompson

Staff Present –Fair Housing Coordinator, Arielle Blanca and Clerk, Elisabeth Sowecke

Guest Speaker – Fair Housing Consultant, Donald Eager

The meeting called to order at 1:10 pm.

Chairman Berquist motioned to have the notes from the October 23rd and November 27th meetings accepted. However, Quorum was not met, so the matter of acceptance was tabled for next meeting.

The Fair Housing consultant for the City, Donald Eager provided an update of the program. Fair Housing month is April and he hopes to appeal to the City Manager and City Commission to declare April “Fair Housing” month, and to include training on various issues as a part of that month. He recommended that the request to the City come from the ADA/Fair Housing Board. He provided an overview of complaints being received over the hotline and indicated that they receive about 15 tenant/landlord complaints per month and that there is an increase in quality-type complaints.

Chairman Berquist announced Ms. Steele’s resignation and recognized her eight years of service.

The plaques honoring Dr. Linz’s life and dedication to ADA issues are currently under design and will be posted in two different locations at Lions Park.

Chairman Berquist provided insight to a conversation with Firelands Association of Realtors, confirming that all City-based complaints are directed to City Hall to be resolved. City real estate is currently popular for purchase and improvements to properties tend to have a viral effect.

Chairman Berquist also presented a catalog of souvenirs and brochures for print that the ADA/Fair Housing Board may want to consider for materials to distribute during tabling events.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Jeff Berquist
Chairperson

Elisabeth Sowecke
Clerk

