



The City of Lorain

200 West Erie Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052

Fair Housing Board Meeting Minutes Approved August 20th, 2020 Thursday, July 23rd at 4:00pm

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 4:06pm
- II. Roll Call

Present: Sylvia DuVall, Yvonne Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Rhoda Lee, Martin Leibas, and Jean Wrice. Absent: Teresa Yuzon.

- III. Approval of minutes from June 25, 2020 meeting

First motion to approve by Sylvia Duvall, second by Dennis Johnson, unanimously approved.

- IV. President, Vice President, and Secretary Positions

- a. Please email drew_crawford@cityoflorain.org, or call 440-204-2082 by Monday, August 17th if you are interested in one of these positions.
- b.

An informal discussion was held on interest in positions. Martin Leibas was nominated as chairperson. He agreed he was up to the task, and after a voice vote, he was elected as president. Rhoda Lee expressed interest in remaining Vice-Chairperson. Informal discussion indicated that nobody else was interested and Rhoda would be an excellent Vice Chairperson. Approved unanimously. Informal discussion indicated there was not interest in the Secretary Position. Sylvia then volunteered. Approved unanimously.

Teresa Yuzon was not able to make the meeting. Per an informal phone call after the meeting in August, Teresa agreed she was in agreement of the elections.

- V. City Ordinance 147-08 discussion—role of the Fair Housing Board

There was a call to confirm that 8 members were required on the board. Drew will look into this. Reminder of the ordinance was helpful for the board and all agreed. Drew will also confirm whether or not gender identity is protected in the ordinance.

- VI. Stoveworks Site update

Special meeting and presentation took place on Friday, August 14th at 3:00pm for a presentation by PORT and their work so far. Feedback was provided. Comments were received and will be documented and moved for approval on August 20th, 2020.

VII. Projects Moving Forward

Continued interest in informational campaign. Martin is working to contact the local Channel 20 for a possible introduction. Radio campaign as well. Need to provide physical and/or online copies of tenants and landlord rights for distribution.

VIII. Cleveland State University Fair Housing Study

Drew mentioned that Cleveland State University was conducting a fair housing study for the city. It will be ready in rough draft form likely in September. Drew will share and ask for feedback.

IX. Adjournment

Remaining 2020 meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month:

August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, and likely December 17th