

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

June 21, 2017

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met in regular session June 21, 2017 in the Busch Building First Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Todd Thomas.

Present Carlye Wannemacher, Pamela Hernandez, Brittany O'Brien, Heather Hardinger, and Todd Thomas.

Absent Christina Ryder, Angela Myers, Damon Duran, and Larry Dinges,

Staff Bob Atchley, Planning and Development; Nicholas Woodman, Law; Kris Wright, City Clerk's Office

Guests: Tim Havens

Approval of Minutes Brittany O'Brien moved to approve minutes from the May 17, 2017 Commission meeting. Carlye Wannemacher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Havens Tim Havens spoke in support of Alberto Estrada and his discrimination case against the City of Springfield and Springfield Police Department. He requested the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations review the case of Alberto Estrada and decide if any additional action should be taken by the Commission.

Todd Thomas, Commission Chair, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Havens for his appearance. He stated Sunshine Laws restrict discussion of this topic by the Commission since prior notice was not given to the public.

Pamela Hernandez expressed her opinion the Commission's scope of authority needs to be confirmed prior to preparing a response or statement for presentation at the next City Council meeting.

Brittany O'Brien expressed her opinion adding this issue to the next agenda will provide an opportunity for additional public comment and invited Mr. Havens to come to the next Commission meeting to hear discussion on this topic.

Heather Hardinger made a motion to include the discrimination case of Alberto Estrada at the next Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations Agenda for discussion. Carlye Wannemacher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following was discussed under Unfinished Business

**Outreach
Brochure**

The final draft of the revised outreach brochure was reviewed by members of the Commission. Carlye Wannemacher moved to approve and accept the final draft of the outreach brochure as presented, with one typo correction. Brittany O'Brien seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Carly Wannemacher requested a PDF of the Brochure be created for posting on social media. Bob Atchley of Planning and Development, will submit the brochure to the Public Information Office for final approval and get a determination of how many brochures can be printed. He will also create a PDF of the Outreach Brochure for placement on social media and distribution via email.

**NAACP
Juneteenth
Celebration**

Carlye Wannemacher noted the Juneteenth Celebration had a block party environment and was well supported by those in the neighborhood. Todd Thomas noted this was his third attendance at Juneteenth and expressed his opinion, this year was the best attended so far.

Carlye Wannemacher expressed her opinion preparing for next year's event earlier in the year will help the Commission be better prepared.

**Greater Ozarks
PrideFest**

Pamela Hernandez expressed her opinion the PrideFest was a successful event. She noted many she spoke with did not know the Commission existed and many were interested in applying for appointment to the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations.

Brittany O'Brien expressed her opinion the event was very beneficial in networking with other community service agencies and people were very positive in their comments.

Heather Hardinger noted many attendees expressed appreciation to the Commission for their community outreach.

Pamela Hernandez asked for clarification on signing petitions while at community events, while representing the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations. Nick Woodman, Assistant City Attorney, responded he will research that information and report back.

Todd Thomas reminded members to check equipment before events. He stated the canopy borrowed from the Public Information Office was missing from the storage bag.

The following was discussed under New Business

**Strategic Planning
Template**

The Strategic Plan Template, prepared by Christina Ryder, was reviewed by members and discussed.

Carlye Wannemacher made a motion to table discussion of the Strategic Planning Template until the next meeting, when Christina Ryder is present and can answer additional questions about the layout. Pamela Hernandez seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Community
Outreach/Big
Momma's House**

The Commission discussed future outreach events including an outreach event at Big Momma's house allowing the community to provide comments. Pamela Hernandez stated the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library may be available during the week and at no cost. The Commission authorized Pamela Hernandez to contact the Carnegie Branch Library to reserve a room for the August 16, 2017 Mayor's Commission on Human

LGBTQ Survey

Rights and Community Relations meeting. Pamela Hernandez will contact Commission members via email if there is no availability at the Carnegie Branch Library for that date. Additional details for the event will be discussed at the July 19, 2017 meeting. Copies of a proposed LGBTQ survey, prepared by Christina Ryder, were distributed to attendees and discussed.

Brittany O'Brien expressed her opinion getting feedback from other groups, such as the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of the Ozarks (GLO), will be helpful in finalizing the survey the Commission wishes to distribute. Todd Thomas will work with Christina Ryder to get feedback from GLO on the proposed survey.

Carlye Wannemacher moved to table this to the next Commission meeting for further discussion and review. Heather Hardinger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Adjourn

With no further business to come before Commission, Todd Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Heather Hardinger and the motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 PM.

Prepared by Kris Wright

Todd Thomas, Chair