

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

September 19, 2018

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met in regular session September 19, 2018 in the Busch Building 2nd Floor West Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Heather Hardinger.

Present

Heather Hardinger, Vice-Chair; Pamela Hernandez, Communications Officer; Bob Roberts
*Carlye Wannenmacher, Secretary; **Todd Thomas, Chair.

*Carlye Wannenmacher arrived at 5:37 p.m. **Todd Thomas participated in the meeting via phone conference

Absent

Francie Wolff, and Mike Jungers

Staff

Bob Atchley, Planning and Development; Nick Woodman, Law; and Lisa Gateley, Planning and Development

Guests

Tim Havens, citizen

Approval of Minutes

Pamela Hernandez moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 MCHRCR Meeting. Bob Roberts seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Heather Hardinger, Pamela Hernandez and Bob Roberts. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Carlye Wannenmacher, Mike Jungers and Francie Wolff

Public Comments

Members of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations moved the Public Comments portion of the meeting to the end of the meeting to get through the current business.

Upcoming Events

Members would like events to be sent to them via email as a meeting request.

- Police Officer Diversity Q & A Panel – 9/20/2018 @ 7:30 pm Springfield Art Museum
- NAACP Freedom Fund Award Banquet – 10/20/2018 @ 5:30 pm Diamond Room
- Stand Up Speak Out – 10/27/2018 @ 4:00 pm Park Central Square
- Springfield Black Tie – 11/10/2018 @ 6:00 pm University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

Discussion regarding upcoming events and who may be available to attend which events. The Police Officer Diversity Q & A Panel and the Stand Up Speak Out are free to attend; however, the NAACP Freedom Fund Award Banquet and Springfield Black Tie do have fees associated with each.

Pamela Hernandez made a motion to request funds of \$320.00 for Table Sponsorship at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. Carlye Wannenmacher seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Heather Hardinger, Pamela Hernandez,

Bob Roberts and Carlye Wannenmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mike Jungers and Francie Wolff.

MCHRCR members would like to offer a ticket to City Manager Jason Gage to attend with them.

Bob Roberts made a motion to request funds of \$1,250.00 for a table of 10 sponsorship at the Springfield Black Tie. Pamela Hernandez seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Heather Hardinger, Pamela Hernandez, Bob Roberts and Carlye Wannenmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mike Jungers and Francie Wolff.

MCHRCR members would like to offer a ticket to Mayor McClure and City Manager Jason Gage to attend with them.

Unfinished Business

Pamela Hernandez provided an update regarding the LGBTQ Equity Subcommittee meeting.

Heather Hardinger provided details that she and Pamela Hernandez will be meeting to set a date for the first meeting for the Racial Equity Subcommittee.

Sidewalks update report from Dawne Gardner will be added to the October meeting agenda.

New Business

- Election of Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Communications Officer

Discussion about how they want to do the election of officers and determining who may be interested in which position. Discussion about possibly revising the Bylaws to remove the Secretary position.

Todd Thomas expressed his concern that he is stepping down from chair for the 2019 term since he will be terming out and it will provide the opportunity for him to help support the new chair while he is still on the MCHRCR.

Pamela Hernandez will reach out to the absent members to let them know the conversation about Officer Elections has begun and if they have any interest in any of the roles and to be prepared at the next meeting.

Todd Thomas made the motion to table the Election of Officers until the next meeting. Carlye Wannenmacher seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Heather Hardinger, Pamela Hernandez, Bob Roberts and Carlye Wannenmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mike Jungers and Francie Wolff.

- Meeting with Mayor McClure Update

Heather Hardinger and Pamela Hernandez met with Mayor McClure on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Discussion with him regarding opening lines of communication as well as setting up quarterly meetings with Mayor McClure for 2019. Discussed the Strategic Plan and gave a brief overview of the Subcommittees. Mayor McClure asked if the MCHRCR could help support the African American History Trail that is being put in.

Heather Hardinger and Pamela Hernandez also spoke with Anita Cotter about the need for Commission members and recommended that they have a minimum of ten. Communications with applicants is being firmed up as well as discussion about a primer for new commission

members before they attend their first meeting. Heather Hardinger made a request to have a diversity of knowledge about subject matter as it relates to complaints.

- Carlye Wannenmacher provided some details about a Diversity Inclusion Connection Summit on October 25, 2018. She will provide additional information via email once it is all firmed up. Carlye will be attending and will report back to the group after the event.

Public Comments Bob Roberts requested to be excused. Todd Thomas requested to be excused. Bob and Todd left the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Mr. Havens expressed concern about there not being a quorum during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Mr. Havens expressed concern for training discussed for LGBTQ for businesses and should do the that the City do the same training. Pamela Hernandez advised that training has not been requested but looking at ideas during the Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Havens expressed concern for the light membership attendance. Carlye Wannenmacher suggested to ask Commission members to review calendar dates and determine early in the year if there are holidays or other items that may hinder their attendance.

Adjourn Pamela Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carlye Wannenmacher seconded the motion, and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Heather Hardinger, Pamela Hernandez and Carlye Wannenmacher. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mike Jungers, Francie Wolff, Todd Thomas and Bob Roberts. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Prepared by Lisa Gateley

Heather Hardinger, Acting Chair

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations was approved at the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations.