

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

October 17, 2018

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met in regular session October 17, 2018 in the Busch Building 2nd Floor West Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Thomas.

Present

Todd Thomas, Chair; Pamela Hernandez, Communications Officer; Bob Roberts; Carlye Wannenmacher, Secretary; Mike Jungers; and *Francie Wolff.

*Francie Wolff arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Absent

Heather Hardinger

Staff

Bob Atchley, Planning and Development; Dawne Gardner, Public Works; and Lisa Gateley, Planning and Development.

Guests

None

**Approval of
Minutes**

Pamela Hernandez moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 MCHRCR Meeting. Bob Roberts seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Pamela Hernandez, Mike Jungers, Carlye Wannenmacher and Bob Roberts. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: *Francie Wolff and Heather Hardinger.

Public Comments

None

**Unfinished
Business**

ADA Sidewalks Update – Dawne Gardner

Provided sidewalk inventory update. It has been completed and have preliminary data from the contractor and should have the final data by Thursday, October 18, 2018. It will take approximately \$37 million dollars to bring everything into compliance to meet accessibility and ADA requirements. After review of data, a transition plan will be completed which will include holding public meetings and would like MCHRCR involved. Any involvement by the MCHRCR would be welcomed in that.

Ms. Gardner works with the Southwest Center for Independent Living (SCIL) and they have a committee that meets at the SCIL location every other month to address accessibility issues. Would like the MCHRCR to be involved in helping to educate community with distribution of brochures or gather input when having a public forum. She feels the MCHRCR would be a great avenue for accessibility discrimination issues. Discussion about how the MCHRCR could share information as well as a possible training for the commission about ADA compliance requirements as well as communication plan. Discussion about when will be a good time for Ms. Gardner to present information to the MCHRCR and if it will be during a regular scheduled meeting or a separate meeting.

The transition plan will take about six months to write, and it will go to Council lunch in December and will be within the budget. Will be good to schedule a training for the commission in either January or February and go from there on next steps. This will be a great partnership opportunity.

Election of Officers

Discussion of Todd Thomas stepping down as chair and the possibility of removing the secretary position from the Bylaws. Decision of the MCHRCR to vote on the slate of officers. Discussion of making Heather Hardinger the Chair and Carlye Wannenmacher Vice Chair and discussion with Pamela Hernandez regarding maintaining the communications chair position. Bob Roberts made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation with Heather Hardinger as Chair, Carlye Wannenmacher as Vice Chair and Pamela Hernandez as Communications Officer. Mike Jungers seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Pamela Hernandez, Mike Jungers, Carlye Wannenmacher, Francie Wolff and Bob Roberts. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Heather Hardinger.

New Business

Discussion and vote for November meeting date

Discussion regarding the date of the scheduled November meeting being the day before Thanksgiving. Different dates discussed by the members, and the only conflict for holding the November meeting on November 28 is that Ms. Wolff will be out of town. Pamela Hernandez moved to move the November 21, 2018 meeting to November 28, 2018. Mike Jungers seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Todd Thomas, Pamela Hernandez, Mike Jungers, Carlye Wannenmacher, Francie Wolff and Bob Roberts. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Heather Hardinger.

Schedule next Coffee with the Commission date

Discussion on times that would work best for the commission and how the Coffee with the Commission works. It was decided based upon availability with the members that they would hold the next Coffee with the Commission on November 14, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with the location to be determined.

Upcoming Events

Todd Thomas mentioned Stand Up Speak Out and that he will be in attendance. It is scheduled for October 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Park Central Square.

Carlye Wannenmacher mentioned the ICare Campaign that is through Harmony House on October 26 this year. She mentioned that it is probably too late this year but may be something they may participate in next year.

Todd Thomas provided the tickets to the members for the NAACP Freedom Fund Award Banquet that is October 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Diamond Room.

Commission Members

Todd Thomas expressed concern for the number of Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations members and that they need additional members. Discussion about quality candidates applying as well as follow up with the City Clerk's office to ensure that the applications are being received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.

Prepared by Lisa Gateley

Todd Thomas, Chair

The minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations was approved at the November 28, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations.