

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

October 16, 2019

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met in regular session October 16, 2019 in the Frisco Room of the Library Station. The meeting was called to order by Chair Heather Hardinger.

Present

Heather Hardinger, Chair; Pamela Hernandez, Communications Officer; Mary Bozarth, Todd Thomas*, Carlye Wannenmacher, Vice Chair; Mike Jungers, Bob Roberts and Daniel Ogunyemi.

*Todd Thomas arrived at 5:05 pm

Absent

None

Staff

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

Approval of Minutes

Daniel Ogunyemi moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 MCHRCR Meeting. Carlye Wannenmacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Heather Hardinger, Daniel Ogunyemi, Pamela Hernandez, Mary Bozarth, Carlye Wannenmacher, Bob Roberts and Mike Jungers. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Todd Thomas.

Unfinished Business

Election of Officers

Ms. Hernandez has expressed that she would like to step down from her role as Communications Chair after the first of the year and the seat is available for whomever is interested. She provided details of what she has been doing in the role and further discussion within the group of the role and if any of the other members are interested. At this time, it is not possible to fill the position with the current members, but Ms. Wannenmacher will assist with the written communications but is not able to take on the social media portion. The plan is to revisit this discussion in December and vote in January for the role.

Mr. Roberts thanked Ms. Hernandez for her work as the Communications Chair as she has helped to raise the level of awareness of the Commission. Ms. Hardinger also thanked Ms. Hernandez for her work and diligence as the Communications Chair.

Todd Thomas moved to approve the slate of officers as presented. Bob Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Heather Hardinger, Daniel Ogunyemi, Pamela Hernandez, Mary Bozarth, Carlye Wannenmacher, Bob Roberts, Mike Jungers and Todd Thomas. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Opinion piece in the News-Leader

Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Hardinger collaborated on an opinion piece that was published in the News-Leader discussing the October 2 commemoration of memorial plaque that went up in the square. They were able to communicate the importance of community and educating ourselves about biases. The goal was just to let it be known to the community that the Commission is aware of and recognize the City and the Mayor's involvement in the plaque on the square and to continue to move forward.

Meeting for Racial Equity Subcommittee

Ms. Hernandez expressed that she would like to get a meeting for the Racial Equity Subcommittee on the books for the next few weeks and will work with Ms. Wannenmacher to get that scheduled. Ms. Wannenmacher will work get additional information on collaborating with MDI. There is a webinar call on November 7 to help develop a racial equity framework specifically for municipal governments.

Thank you to Todd Thomas

Thank you to Mr. Thomas for his seven years of service on the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations. Mr. Atchley advised that Mr. Thomas is welcome to continue to serve until a replacement has been appointed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:22 p.m.

Prepared by Lisa Gateley

Heather Hardinger, Chair

The minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations was approved at the November 20, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations.