

**Mayor's Commission on Human Rights
and Community Relations**

MINUTES

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met by Zoom on January 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Interim Chair, Carlye Wannenmacher at approximately 5:30 pm.

Present	Carlye Wannenmacher, Interim Chair; Mike Jungers, Daniel Ogunyemi, Bob Roberts, and Mary Bozarth
Absent	Pamela Hernandez, Communications Officer
Public	Robyn Sprague
Staff	Bob Atchley, Judy White, and Wanda Young, Planning and Development Department, Kyle Tolbert, Law Department
Approval of Minutes	Mike Jungers moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 MCHRCR Meeting with the correction of Diversion Director to Diversity Director on the last page. Bob Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
Public Comments	Thanked the Mayor for standing up to require the public to wear masks. Mr. Sprague gave an overview of his history and that of his family. Several members of Mr. Sprague's family are veterans and the Commission thanked them for their service. Mr. Sprague explained that there has been confusion regarding his last name since his time in the Army. Due to this confusion there is an issue with his CDL license. His complaint is regarding treatment received at the DOT-Licensing when trying to renew his license. Mike Jungers asked if Mr. Sprague's complaint is with a state department and Mr. Sprague confirmed that it was. Mr. Jungers explained that this Commission is for the City of Springfield and the citizens of Springfield. Kyle Tolbert summarized that the name confusion is the basis of Mr. Sprague's complaint and suggested that he contact an attorney, legal services, or the Missouri Bar to file a petition in circuit court for a name change. This commission will not be able to help Mr. Sprague with his complaint as this Commission deals with complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation.
New Business	Election of Officers • Mike Jungers made a motion to elect officers individually by position. Bob Roberts seconded the motion. Motion was approved. • Chairperson Mike Jungers nominated Carlye Wannenmacher for Chairperson. Bob Roberts seconded the nomination. Nomination was approved and Carlye Wannenmacher accepted the position. • Vice-Chairperson Carlye Wannenmacher nominated Mike Jungers for Vice-Chairperson. Bob Roberts seconded the nomination. Nomination was approved and Mike Jungers accepted the position

- Communications Chair

Bob Roberts made a motion to table to the February 17, 2021 meeting. Mike Jungers seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Mary Bozarth offered to take the Communication Chair position starting in May when her other commitment is completed.

- Note: Heather Hardinger has resigned due to running for a seat on City Council

Unfinished Business

- Kyle Tolbert will confirm the requirements of the Commission regarding running for a seat on City Council and School Board with regards to continuing to serve as a member of the Commission and what campaigning can a member participate in. Kyle will email the Commission his findings.
- Bob Atchley stated that Cora Scott will present at the February meeting the Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Survey results.

Carlye Wannenmacher adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:38 p.m.

Prepared by Judy
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Carlye Wannenmacher, Interim Chair