

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

MINUTES

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations met in the Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Carlye Wannenmacher at approximately 5:30 pm.

Present	Carlye Wannenmacher, Edna Smith, Mike Jungers, Pamela Hernandez,
Absent	Daniel Ogunyemi, and Bob Roberts
Public	None
Staff	Bob Atchley, Judy White, Planning and Development Department, and Mary Bozarth, Law Department, Taj Suleyman, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions
Approval of Minutes	Mike Jungers moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 MCHRCR Meeting. Pamela Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
Welcome Dr. Edna Smith	Carlye welcomed Dr. Edna Smith as a new member of the commission and Dr. Smith introduced herself.
Public Comments	None; Taj introduced himself to the commission as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
New Business	Discussion of Proposed MCHRCR Events • Pride Fest is scheduled for October 9th and Carlye mentioned they should get it on their calendar as well as other events this year. • Pamela discussed the score card for the Municipal Quality Index and bringing that score up for the City. • Carlye mentioned a big win for the commission is the partnership with OTC, Matt Simpson, with the survey that went out. • The group doesn't have much authority when receiving complaints other than referring them resources that apply to their situation. The effectiveness of these complaints has decreased over the years due to their limited power. Their biggest challenge for the committee is to figure out how they fit. • The Campbell United Methodist Church is hosting an event, Pride Before Pride, which will consist of a job fair, clothing and food distribution, music, etc. It will take place at the church on Republic Road near the Y, on June 26 from noon to 4pm. • Two Juneteenth activities include one at Washington Park on 6/19/21 which is the walk from Commercial Street and the NAACP is having an event the same day at Silver Springs. • Taj asked how the commission would recommend that he help them and mentioned having a road map with goals and accomplishments. He suggested the possibility of having a retreat as well to rebuild their identity and strategy plan. • Edna brought up a goal to research finding out how many cases are not filed, the range of cases and find out what is really going on in Springfield. Going back to the data from the survey that was previously done would be a good starting point. It should be in Cora's presentation that was shared. Bob will send out the survey before the next meeting. • There is collaboration potential with Tough Talks as well. • The committee asked if there were ways that they might be able to support Taj.

- The retreat would be more than an hour or two, per Taj.

**Unfinished
Business**

None

Carlye adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. with a motion from Edna Smith and a second from Pamela Hernandez. Motion passed.

Carlye Wannenmacher, Chair