

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chase Snider, Mike Garton, Jasmine Allen, Jamea Crum, Charity Jordan, and Kay Holcumbrink

Commissioner Absent: Rachel Naab and Bob Roberts

City Staff: Adriana Failla and Taj Suleyman

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21, 2023

- Mike Garton made motion to approve the June 21, 2023, minutes. Jamea Crum seconded the motion. Motion approved. (6-0, Rachel Naab and Bob Roberts absent)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

4. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE:

- Community Speaker, Shelby Butler, with Empower Abilities gave a speech about local efforts in Springfield, Missouri and partnership opportunities.

5. UNFINISHED and ONGOING BUSINESS

- Meeting with the Mayor Updates
 - Charity Jordan provided a Draft Statement Letter to commissioners and asked for feedback.
- Commissioner Updates
 - Chase Snider announced plans to attend Coffee with the Chief
 - Chase Snider announced he and Rachel Naab are making plans to organize a Work Session/Commission Retreat
- City Support Staff Updates
 - Adriana Failla announced Heather Hardinger accepted the commission's invitation to speak at a future meeting
 - Adriana Failla recognized some other Human Rights Commissions in Missouri have an Annual Report and suggested considering one for this commission.
- Complaints Received
 - Complaint resolved
 - Chase Snider, Charity Jordan, and Mike Garton volunteered to investigate for the month of August



- Chase Snider suggested writing a letter, whether in support or opposition, to obtaining certification as a commission that is to be addressed to the Mayor and City Council
 - Chase Snider volunteered to provide a summary of what certification means
- Strategic Plan Progress
- Discussion on Community Event Activations
 - Charity Jordan suggested attending Good Morning Springfield
 - Charity Jordan suggested attending Neighborhood Associations
 - Charity Jordan suggested hosting community listening sessions.
 - Jamea Crum suggested looking into faith-based networks and outreach programs
- Proposed Bylaw Change re: Voting by Email
 - In-progress, working with Mary Bozarth

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion and Possible Vote on Participation in St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk/Run Event
 - Jasmine Allen made motion to create a team and represent the Commission at the St. Jude Children's Hospital Walk/Run Event on September 16, 2023 with the invitation to collaborate with the Mayor's Commission for Children. Jamea Crum seconded the motion. Motion approved (5-0, Abstention: Chase Snider; Absent: Rachel Naab and Bob Roberts)
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Participation in SGF CultureFest
 - Charity Jordan made motion to table at and represent the Commission at the SGF CultureFest on September 30, 2023. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion approved (6-0, Rachel Naab and Bob Roberts absent)
 - Mike Garton, Jamea Crum, and Charity Jordan volunteered to table

ADJOURN

Chase Snider made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Jasmine Allen seconded the motion. Motion was approved (6-0, Rachel Naab and Bob Roberts absent)

Approved on 09/20/2023.

Next Meeting:

August 16, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.



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