

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jasmine Allen, Jamea Crum (arrived at 5:45pm), Mike Garton, and Kay Holcumbrink

Commissioners Present (Virtually): Charity Jordan, and Rachel Naab (left meeting at 6:40pm)

Commissioner Absent: Chase Snider and Bob Roberts

City Staff: Adriana Failla and Taj Suleyman (left meeting at 6:40pm)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 19, 2023

- Kay Holcumbrink made motion to approve the July 19, 2023, minutes. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Jamea Crum, Chase Snider, and Bob Roberts absent)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

4. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE:

- Community Speaker: City Councilmember, Heather Hardinger, gave a speech on her experience serving on the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations, the City Council's passed LGBTQ+ resolution, the Springfield Inclusiveness Survey, MEI, and previous Community Listening Sessions.

5. UNFINISHED and ONGOING BUSINESS

- Commissioner Updates
 - Jasmine Allen announced that the St. Jude Walk/Run event was successful, and the Commission raised \$545 in fundraising for the event.
- City Support Staff Updates
 - Adriana Failla announced that the City does not have Good Morning Springfield passes available, but Commissioner can utilize their budget to attend.
 - Adriana Failla acknowledged previous topic of networking with faith-based religious leaders and offered that Taj Suleyman and herself can help make that connection.
 - Adriana Failla announced the SGF CultureFest booth still needs coverage.
 - Mike Garton volunteered to fill coverage needs.
 - Adriana Failla recommended issuing Thank You Letters to community speakers at Commission Meetings.
- Complaints Received & Commissioner Rotation



- Charity Jordan announced two complaints have been received. One complaint is outside of purview and the other complaint is being moved forward to schedule an interview.
 - New Routaion: Rachel Naab, Jasmine Allen, and Mike Garton.
- Strategic Plan Progress
 - Topic tabled for a Retreat
- Community Event Activations
 - Jasmine Allan recommended Commissioners attend Pride in the Park on October 28th.
- Proposed Bylaw Change re: Voting by Email
 - In-progress, working with Mary Bozarth
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Statement Letter
 - Charity Jordan announced the drafted Statement Letter was sent to Cora Scott, Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement, and she is waiting for feedback.
 - Taj Suleyman added that Cora Scott communicated that she wishes to attend a future meeting to assist with the draft Statement Letter and with further supporting the Commission in effective in communication.
 - Statement Letter on hold.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Officers Election: Discussion and Vote
 - Jamea Crum nominated Charity Jordan as the Chairperson, Chase Snider as the Vice Chair, and Jasmine Allen as the Communications Officer. Kay Holcumbrink seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Rachel Naab, Chase Snider, and Bob Roberts absent)
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Hosting a Community Listening Session and/or Hosting an Event
 - Jasmine Allen made a motion to select a date for a Listening Session. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Rachel Naab, Chase Snider, and Bob Roberts absent)
- Discussion and Possible Vote Annual Report
 - Topic tabled for the Retreat
- Discussion and Possible Vote: Prioritizing Events to Attend
 - Topic tabled for the Retreat
- Discussion and Possible Vote on attending Springfield Multicultural Festival
 - Jasmine Allen requested to know where the funding goes for the tabling fees.
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Commission Retreat
 - Jasmine Allen made a motion to schedule a Retreat in November. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Rachel Naab, Chase Snider, and Bob Roberts absent)

ADJOURN

Jasmine Allen made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm.



Kay Holcumbrink seconded the motion. Motion was approved (5-0, Rachel Naab, Chase Snider, and Bob Roberts absent)

Approved on 10/18/2023.

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

Location Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

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