

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Rachel Naab, Mike Garton, Jasmine Allen, Bob Roberts, Jamea Crum, and Charity Jordan (arrived at 5:50pm)

Commissioners Present (Virtually): Chase Snider (left meeting at 7:40pm)

Commissioner Absent: Kay Holcumbrink

City Staff: Adriana Failla, Taj Suleyman, and Mary Bozarth

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 20, 2023

- Mike Garton made motion to approve the September 20, 2023, minutes. Rachel Naab seconded the motion. Motion approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

4. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE

- Community Speaker: Mitch Brasher with International Institute of Southwest Missouri

5. UNFINISHED and ONGOING BUSINESS

- Discussion on Pursuing Certification with the Missouri Commission for Human Rights
- Discussion on Proposed Renaming the Commission
- Discussion on Proposed Bylaw Change re: Voting by Email
- Discussion on Composing a Letter Regarding Certification to Mayor and City Council
- Commissioner Updates
- City Support Staff Updates
- Complaints Received & Commissioner Rotation
 - November Rotation: Rachel Naab, Mike Garton, and Jamea Crum
- Strategic Plan Progress
- Community Event Activations
 - Charity Jordan and Chase Snider will attend NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet
- Discussion and Possible Vote on attending Springfield Multicultural Festival
 - Mike Garton made a motion to attend Springfield



Multicultural Festival. Jamea Crum seconded the motion. Motion approved. (4-3, Kay Holcumbrink absent)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Vote on Retreat Details
 - Jamea Crum made a motion to have a full day Commissioner Retreat on November 18, 2023. Rachel Naab seconded the motion. Motion approved (0-6, Kay Holcumbrink and Chase Snider absent)
- Discussion on Listening Session Date
- Discussion on Pride in the Park
 - Jasmine Allen will attend Pride in the Park

ADJOURN

Jasmine Allen made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Rachel Naab seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Approved on 11/18/2023.

Next Meeting:

November 15, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

Location Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

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