

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

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

Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chase Snider, Jasmine Allen, Mike Garton, Charity Jordan, and Rachel Naab (left meeting at 7:15pm)

Commissioner Absent: Jamea Crum and Bob Roberts

City Staff: Adriana Failla, Taj Suleyman, Cora Scott (left meeting at approximately 6:20pm)

Community Members Present: Jeremy Dean

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 18, 2023 & November 27, 2023

- Jasmine Allen made motion to approve the November 18, 2023 & November 27, 2023, minutes. Rachel Naab seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Jamea Crum and Bob Roberts absent)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None; no community members present at this time.

4. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE:

- Community Speaker: City Staff, Cora Scott, discussed the functions of the Public Information & Civic Engagement Office and collaborative outreach opportunities. Cora Scott agreed to meet with the Commission to further discuss initiatives.

5. UNFINISHED and ONGOING BUSINESS

- Commissioner Updates
 - Chase Snider stated that he is having difficulty with responding to emails and may have to change his email address.
 - The Commission will make a request to the City Clerk's Office to request their name be changed to Springfield's Commission on Human Rights & Community Relations. Chase Snider volunteered to take responsibility for carrying out this action.
 - Mike Garton stated that he will share a PDF that was provided to him by a community member.
- Upcoming Meeting with the Mayor Comments
 - Jasmine suggested mentioning the name change and



- the Statement Letter.
 - Chase suggested discussing the draft of the Strategic Plan
 - Mike Garton and Chase Snider will continue to look into Certification details.
 - Charity Jordan volunteered to take responsibility for carrying out the action of creating an agenda for the meeting with the Mayor and send it to Anita Cotter.
- Complaints Received & Commissioner Rotation
 - Charity Jordan and Chase Snider plan to meet with the previous complainant again.
 - Jasmine Allen announced a new complaint received.
 - Rachel Naab and Mike Garton will investigate the new complaint.
 - City staff will seek legal advisement to see if Jasmine Allen can investigate the second complaint.
 - January & February Rotation: Jasmine Allen and *tentatively* Chase Snider. The Commission will seek out substitution from members that have not yet volunteered.
- Community Event Activations
 - Mike Garton commented on the letter sent to the Governor.
 - Charity Jordan suggested attending the Rosie 100+ Wise Women Conference.
 - Jasmine Allen volunteered to take responsibility for carrying out the action of requesting a new handout to be created via email to Cora Scott.
- City Support Staff Updates
 - Adriana Failla announced that two new Commissioners, Dan Furtak and Gail Herbert, have been appointed by the Mayor.
 - Mike Garton mentioned requesting more Commissioners to join.
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Thank You Letter
 - Charity Jordan made a motion to approve the Commission's Thank You Letter to guests that come and speak. Jasmine Allen seconded the motion. Motion approved. (5-0, Jamea Crum and Bob Roberts absent)
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Strategic Plan
 - Agenda item tabled

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Vote on NAACP MLK March
 - Jasmine Allen made a motion to support the NAACP MLK March by providing coffee and donuts. Charity Jordan seconded the motion. Motion approved. (4-0, Rachel Naab, Jamea Crum, and Bob Roberts absent)
 - Jasmine Allen and Charity Jordan volunteered to attend the event.
- Discussion and Possible Vote on International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) Membership



- Jasmine Allen made a motion to join the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) as a Commission for a year. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion approved. (4-0, Rachel Naab, Jamea Crum, and Bob Roberts absent)
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Letter from GLO Center Board of Directors
 - Jasmine Allen volunteered to take responsibility for carrying out the action of requesting an introductory meeting with GLO.
 - Either Chase Snider or Charity Jordan will attend the introductory meeting with Jasmine Allen.

ADJOURN

Jasmine Allen made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

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

Approved on 01/17/2023.

Next Meeting:

January 17, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

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