

MINUTES

Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.

Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jasmine Allen, Mike Garton, and Chase Snider

Commissioner Absent: Dan Furtak

City Staff: Adriana Failla, Taj Suleyman, and Joy Latimer (via Zoom)

2. COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATE

- The community partner, Alice Barber, with the Springfield Tenants Unite (STUN) spoke about their mission and local efforts around housing issues. Commissioners inquired about partnership opportunities and requested data when available.

3. CITY SUPPORT STAFF UPDATE

- Springfield Cardinals Game Date Update
 - Adriana Failla gave an update that the date was changed from September 8, 2024 to September 7, 2024 due to reservation availability constraints.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of the May 7, 2024, Minutes
 - Jasmine Allen made a motion to approve the May 7, 2024, minutes. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the May 8, 2024, Minutes
 - Jasmine Allen made a motion to approve the May 8, 2024, minutes. Mike Garton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Progress on Accomplishing 2024 Strategic Plan Objectives and Key Results (OKRs)
 - Chase Snider acknowledged Chairty Jordan-Rex's resignation and advised the Commission to assess the feasibility of executing the Strategic Plan given current capacity constraints.
 - Jasmine Allen proposed concentrating efforts on a single section of the Strategic Plan and the Listening Session.
 - Mike Garton mentioned that creating an Inclusion



Survey is a manageable task and not overly labor-intensive. He noted that the engagement component would require the most effort.

- Discussion on Community Education Social Media Series
 - Chase Sinder recommended postponing this until the Commission is fully staffed, citing current capacity constraints.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Vote on Participation in Empower: Abilities ADA Block Party
 - The Commission unanimously decided to have representation at the ADA Block Party event. Mike Garton volunteered to staff a table, and Jasmine Allen expressed tentative interest in volunteering.
 - Chase Sinder volunteered to contact the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) to explore the possibility of partnering to table at this event, due to capacity.
- Discussion and Possible Vote on Participation in Juneteenth Freedomfest Music Festival
 - The Commission decided to have a presence at the Juneteenth Freedomfest Music Festival by attending as guests and engaging in conversations with community members attending.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Public Comments

ADJOURN

Jasmine Allen made a motion to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Mike Garton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved on 8/6/2024

Next Meeting:

July 2, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

Location Busch Building, 2nd Floor West Conference Room

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