



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, May 26, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Carlson, Vice Chair Haga, Commissioners Hubbard, Welvaert, Kamen, Sandison, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioners White and Zayic

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Haga

Second: Commissioner Sandison

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2022

Chair Carlson noted Commissioner White will join the committee to help with the MLK breakfast.

Motion: Commissioner Sandison

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report 2022

Durbin reported the \$1000.00 that had set aside for the Pride Picnic was added to show funds up to that amount were committed for the event.

Motion: Commissioner Hubbard

Second: Commissioner Kamen

Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6A. Pride Celebration

Vice Chair Haga reported the Pride Celebration is June 12, 2022 from 3-6 p.m.

Vice Chair Haga stated the connection with the high school GSA program as well

as the partnership with Parks and Recreation department have been great resources. The supplies for the community art project and ice cream are ordered and the DJ is booked. There will also be face painting and henna tattoos. Vice Chair Haga said there will be a volunteer sign up for the celebration. The Parks and Recreation Department have created a website and City staff will promote it on all City channels.

Vice Chair Haga clarified confusion about payment and budget for the Pride Celebration but noted it will be under budget. Parks and Recreation will help with funding and are working on getting private donations.

Chair Carlson wondered if the Parks and Recreation Department will set up games. Vice Chair Haga stated yes, they are bringing chairs and tables, along with sidewalk chalk and games. Commissioner Welvaert inquired if the event will happen rain or shine. Vice Chair Haga stated there is not a rain date and the event will happen regardless of weather.

Chair Carlson inquired about outdoor lights. Durbin will get that answer in regard to lights.

6B. River City Days

Commissioners Hubbard and Sandison updated the Commission on River City Days and inquired about a budget of \$200 for the event. Vice Chair Haga questioned the dates. Chair Carlson stated it will be the last weekend in July. Motion to approve \$200.00 in the HRC budget for River City Days.

Motion: Commissioner Hubbard

Second: Commissioner Sandison

Motion: Carried

6C. Empathetic Response

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Durbin reported Commissioner Filmore resigned. Commissioner Kamen offered to create a statement on gun violence given the recent events in Texas.

Commissioner Welvaert wondered if it had to wait until next month's meeting for approval. Durbin stated when a response is prepared it can be sent out to all Human Rights Commission members and respond via email to Durbin.

Commissioner Kamen stated she will make a draft. The Commission discussed how and when the statement should be addressed and written. Commissioner Welvaert also mentioned keeping the original statement written for this meeting, but also write a separate message for this particular tragedy. The Commission agreed the original statement should be tabled until a later point in time.

Chair Carlson wondered if separate statements need to be approved by City Council. Durbin stated City staff will look at it and review it. Commissioner Sandison suggested keeping the statement general because details are still coming out.

6D. Strategic Plan

Vice Chair Haga has been focused on the Pride Celebration and will be coming back in July to update the Commission.

6E. Calendar/Programs

Commissioner Kamen will provide updates and look for suggestions at the July meeting.

6F. Website

Commissioner Sandison stated she is now the only member on this committee and is looking for some guidance. Once another member volunteers, she will schedule a meeting.

6G. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Chair Carlson noted Commissioner White volunteered to serve on this committee with Commissioner Welvaert. Commissioner Welvaert wondered how to meet with City staff and members of the Parks and Recreation Department to coordinate dates. Vice Chair Haga volunteered to help with this also.

6H. Green Card Voices

Chair Carlson noted Green Card Voices finished up this month and thanked everyone for their hard work on it. Commissioner Kamen and Durbin received great feedback from attendees.

Chair Carlson inquired how to keep the initiative moving forward. She talked with various organizations and residents to understand what the City of Chaska wants. She also suggested bringing in other organizations to a Human Rights Commission meeting to open up communication.

7. New Business

7A. 112% Kindness

Chair Carlson provided details about 112% Kindness in Commissioner White's absence. This is an organization that provides school supplies to those in need. It has increased its members and also its need for more supplies. Commissioner White wanted the Commission to consider promoting this request on the City's

social media accounts. Commissioner Welvaert wondered about dates of collection. Chair Carlson noted supplies would be needed by August 14, 2022, before the next school year starts. The list of needed supplies are on the website; **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..** Commissioner Sandison suggested having this website on the Human Rights Commission webpage.

Chair Carlson suggested bringing supplies to River City Days. Commissioner Hubbard inquired how students would get the supplies. Vice Chair Haga believed the school will pass them out at the beginning of the school year. Chair Carlson suggested communicating with Commissioner White about further details and putting this on the agenda for next month.

Chair Carlson provided the Commission with a positive experience with a stranger who expressed his appreciation for the work the Human Rights Commission is doing.

8. Next Meeting Date

8A. June Human Rights Commission Meeting – June 23, 2022

9. Adjourn

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.