



Minutes

CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Thursday, June 23, 2022

6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Carlson, Hubbard (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Welvaert, Haga, White, Zayic, Sandison, City Staff Durbin

Absent: Commissioner Kamen

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Haga

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

3A. Guest Presentation – Mary Hernandez, Veva Garcia, and Yuni Montoya from Mi Casa had a change in schedule but will at the July meeting.

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Haga

Second: Commissioner Sandison

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report 2022

Durbin reported the Treasurer's Report shows a budget of \$200 for River City Days which was approved in May. Additionally, the amount of funds spent for the Pride Picnic are still being finalized and will be detailed at the July meeting; however, it is anticipated that approximately \$817.85 was spent of the \$1000 budget for the event. There is a total budget balance of approximately \$2500.00.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6A. Pride Celebration

Vice Chair Haga thanked everyone including the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2nd annual Pride Celebration. The Commission provided comments and feedback regarding their experiences. The Commission heard suggestions such as karaoke, marketing, providing handouts, bringing the adult LGBTQ community into the planning process, sound check the microphones, a possible promotional commercial, and a law enforcement presence.

Chair Carlson thanked Randy Stern for his help and attendance. Chair Carlson also highlighted partnering with the school regarding the native burial mounds. Vice Chair Haga suggested working on that for Indigenous People's month which she believes is in October or November.

6B. River City Days

Commissioner Hubbard stated they met Monday, and the Human Rights Commission will have a booth and supplies, including fans, and will give out freeze pops as an incentive to spin a wheel and answer questions about the City and the Human Rights Commission. The Commission discussed using a board and post-it notes to let community members write what Chaska means to them. Durbin will bring chairs and provide water for the booth. Commissioner Hubbard noted the booth will need people for two-hour shifts and to wear a shirt that signifies what the Human Rights Commission is all about. Chair Carlson noted she will bring an extension cord, fan, and the rest of the coloring pages to the booth.

6C. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert stated a committee is formed, met earlier today, and concluded the priority is to find a speaker. The Commission can brainstorm suggestions, send those to Durbin, and she will compile a list for discussion.

6D. Green Card Voices

Commissioner Hubbard questioned if this will happen again next year. Chair Carlson noted it was a great event but would like to see the Human Rights Commission provide a local approach to this issue and changing the name to "The Immigrant Experience". The Commission discussed partnering with the history and community center, time of year for program, and creating an exhibit.

Chair Carlson and Commissioner White noted an exhibit they put together "Chaska's First Downtown: Second Street Over Time" opened Tuesday at the History Center and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m.

6E. Empathetic Response

There was nothing to report. Commissioner Sandison mentioned the spiraling comments that occurred on the Facebook page from the last response.

6F. Calendar/Programs

6Fi. Fall Event

Chair Carlson stated the importance of putting events in the forefront of people's minds. Vice Chair Haga would like to see Indigenous People's Day put on the calendar. Commissioner Hubbard suggested Women's History Month (March) go on the calendar and have the Human Rights Commission do something to celebrate.

6G. Website

Commissioner Zayic noted the Pride Celebration was not listed on the website.

6H. Strategic Plan

Vice Chair Haga will have more to report at the July meeting.

6I. T-Shirts and Name Tags

The Commission decided they will wear nametags and a t-shirt that represents what the Human Rights Commission stands for at River City Days and will continue to work on a new design. Chair Carlson noted the previous logo was put out to the community and created by a high school student. Vice Chair Haga questioned if there could be an incentive for the winning design. Council Member Hubbard suggested a monetary compensation for the winning design. Chair Carlson will contact Kevin Wright and bring it back to the Commission in July.

7. New Business:

7A. 112% Kindness

Commissioner White stated this project started in spring of 2020 and since then has gained many new members. Commissioner White noted the 3rd annual school supply drive will end on August 3rd. She also provided the website which provides different ways people can contribute or help. The website is 112%Kindness@webly.com. Vice Chair Haga questioned if people could drop off supplies at their River City Days booth. Commissioner White stated yes and there will also be a QR code people can scan at River City Days to promote this project.

8. Next Meeting Date

8A. July Human Rights Commission Meeting – July 28, 2022

9. Adjourn

Motion: Commissioner White

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.