



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, October 27, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call
Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Haga, Commissioners Kamen, Sandison, Welvaert, Zayic, Youth Representative White, and City Staff Elise Durbin
Absent: Commissioner Hubbard
2. Adopt Agenda
Motion: Vice Chair Haga
Second: Commissioner Welvaert
Motion: Carried
3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests
4. Approve Minutes
4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2022
Motion: Vice Chair Haga
Second: Commissioner Kamen
Motion: Carried
5. Treasurer's Report
5A. Treasurer's Report 2022
Durbin reported expenditure of \$800 for the donation approved for the Latino Voices event this weekend, leaving remaining balance just under \$1400. River City Days is looking at new swag for next year, so a recommendation will be brought to the Commission next month.
Motion: Commissioner Sandison
Second: Commissioner White
Motion: Carried
6. Committee Updates
6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert updated that sub-committee meeting was postponed until next week. There will be further updates at next meeting.

6B. Immigrant Voices

Commissioner Zayic updated on the meeting from October 11. Julie Wise from Chaska Historical Society is taking over as their representative. The Sub-committee agreed on Cultural Heritage Month as the working title for month. There are 3 events being planned for September 2023 that need to be further discussed.

Commissioner Zayic discussed the Human Rights Commission having a booth at the Latin Music and Food event next September, with "Did You Know?" information to educate people about the countries being represented.

Commissioner Zayic updated that the Sub-committee is hoping to have working titles for the Stories of Becoming and Belonging videos recorded about people's identities, which will hopefully be an in-person event. Having an exhibit at the Community Center that explores the demographic changes in Chaska from 1920-2020 has also been discussed.

The third event Commissioner Zayic discussed was the Language of Dance event. Julie Wise suggested to post various recipes and foods in the newspaper to bring awareness and highlight the celebration.

Next meeting will be November 15th at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Commissioner Zayic discussed her request for a Google Doc to be created so there can be accessible working agendas and minutes to all those in the group.

Commissioner Zayic noted that it could be very beneficial to partner with the Parks and Rec Commission to help with event planning, etc.

6C. Pride Celebration

Nothing to report.

6D. River City Days

Nothing to report, more information at next meeting.

6E. Community Partnerships

Commissioner Zayic provided an update from the October 7th Communities of Belonging meeting. The group is growing and there was representation from

members of YMCA's EIC. The next step is to focus on vision, values, and alignments for the group moving forward.

Commissioner Zayic asked the Commission if they would be interested in getting more information and training on Living Room Conversation from Chelsea Rowe during Guest Presentation at a future meeting.

Vice Chair Haga discussed the Carver County Mental Health meeting and working together to provide a space for LGBTQ youth and their families to get together. She asked the Commission if there was an interest in exploring the opportunity any further.

Vice Chair Haga discussed the meeting with APAC, American-Indian Parent Advisory Council, kicking around ideas of land acknowledgment projects and indigenous exhibitions in the elementary school.

Chair Carlson updated that Latino Voices' Dia de Los Muertos is happening this weekend at the Community Center.

6F. HRC Logo Update

Chair Carlson updated on the newspaper article published about the contest for the logo, including all the rules and regulations.

6G. Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan

No update on plans.

6H. Empathetic Response

Nothing to report.

6I. Calendar/Programs

No update given. Commission decided to wait on calendar work until after Strategic and Action Plan have been discussed.

6J. Website

Vice Chair Haga mentioned structural changes to the website. Vice Chair Haga urged Commissioners to write a brief biography and send to Durbin as soon as possible.

7. New Business:

7A. Homelessness Sleep-Out

Chair Carlson discussed a sleep-out being put on by His House Foundation near Schmidt House on Walnut, which consists of tents, discussions, talks, entertainment, and food is taking place on November 5th. Commissioner Welvaert updated that from 5-7 p.m. tomorrow, the Chaska Moravian Church is hosting a Chili dinner with the His House Foundation if Commissioners are interested in hearing more information before giving a potential donation in the future.

7B. Other Business

Chair Carlson updated that 60 affordable housing units, Trail's Edge Apartments, are being opened directly behind the Target in Waconia on October 31st.

8. Next Meeting Date

8A. November Human Rights Commissioner Meeting - November 17, 2022

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.