



MINUTES
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA, CHASKA CITY HALL
Thursday, July 25, 2019
6:30 PM

1 Roll Call

Present: Leggett, Dunbar, Carlson, Welvaert, Bean, White

Absent: Haga, Scarborough, Spreadbury

2 Adopt Agenda

Motion: Carlson – with revision to add 6C, Update on Farmer's Market

Second: Leggett

3 Open Forum/Guest Presentation

None

4 Approve Minutes

Motion: Carlson – As amended

Second: White

5 Treasurer's Report

Kabat summarized the staff report included in the agenda packet

6 Old Business

6A River City Days Planning

Kabat stated items that he would bring for the Human Rights Commission Booth. Kabat presented the US Census data summary. Commission agreed pamphlets would work well. Kabat introduced the idea of Census Man and the Commission agreed he will be a positive visitor. Commission and Kabat adjusted the times of the sign up sheet for the Human Rights Commission Booth to not overlap any of the shifts. Commission discussed take down of the River City Days Booth on Saturday night after the event.

6B Update: "Race: The Power of Illusion" video community viewing

Welvaert updated Commisisoners about progress towards holding a community viewing and discussion of a video series called "Race: The Power of Illusion". Welvaert explained a moderator would be identified to help with the discussion. Welvaert has let Kumar-Nelson know that the Commission's preference is to wait for fall to develop the event. Kumar-Nelson is OK with this timeline and is willing to contribute her effort towards organizing the event. She is willing to

come in August or September to continue developing the event. Welvaert recommended August so that time doesn't get lost and the Commission agreed. Carlson asked what can be done before August to help prepare. Welvaert suggested that the discussion with Kumar-Nelson will be a good opportunity to develop an event plan together. Leggett asked whether it might be more efficient for a Commissioner or two to meet with Kumar-Nelson before August to help develop a plan proposal to be discussed in August. Carlson said she would be happy to work with another Commissioner to help develop a plan, and Welvaert agreed to join. Dunbar asked Welvaert about her thoughts on the video. Welvaert summarized the video and said it is produced by PBS and is very well done. Dunbar asked whether the video could be watched by other Commissioners. Welvaert said Haga is the contact at the school district for the videos, so she will ask.

7C Update on Farmer's Market

Welvaert updated the Commission that scheduling is too tight to secure cultural activities for the 2019 Farmer's Market. She stated that the Chamber is interested in pursuing this idea for the 2020 Farmer's Market.

7 New Business

7A Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Kabat introduced the Active Transportation Advisory Committee as well as what is the make up for a bicycle friendly community to the Commissioners. Leggett wanted to better understand whether this was to promote more accessibility for people to afford bicycles or to invest in the bicycle infrastructure. Commissioner Carlson stated she is interested in transportation and would be interested in serving on the Committee.

Motion: Dunbar

Second: Bean

7B Review Attendance Expectations

Welvaert reminded the Commission about the guidelines in the City's Ordinance regarding attendance. Dunbar suggested that Kabat should have a discussion with each of the Commissioners to understand their ability to attend.

Dunbar asked whether the alternates were supposed to attend every meeting or if they are expecting a call if they are needed. Leggett clarified that his job requires a lot of travel, and circumstances have played out so that he happens to be traveling on HRC weeks. Leggett commented that he wants to continue to serve through the year and evaluate his ability to participate. He expressed appreciation in all of the interest in community participation on the HRC.

Carlson added that she observed previous issues with attendance. She suggested that Welvaert may be the appropriate person as the Chair to explain their role and the desire for them to attend. Bean echoed Carlson's point. White added that when she was an alternate, she often voted due to regular member

absences. Welvaert said she would have a conversation with the alternates to ensure they are aware of their roles.

Leggett added that the Commission should begin promoting the Human Rights Commission Award. Welvaert added that now is a good time to begin promoting the award. Leggett added that now is also a good time to begin planning the MLK Day breakfast. Welvaert said this will be a topic for August's agenda. White agreed to reach out to the High School Jazz Band to begin.

8 Next Meeting - August 22, 2019

9 Adjourn

Motion: Carlson

Second: Leggett