



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA, CHASKA CITY HALL
Thursday, December 17, 2020
6:30 PM

Work Session Held Before Meeting at 6:30PM
2020 Chaska Human Rights Award Nomination Review

1. Roll Call
Present: Dunbar, Carlson, Bean, White, Spreadbury, Welvaert
Absent: Haga
2. Adopt Agenda
Motion: Carlson
Second: White
Kabat Roll Call Vote: Dunbar, Carlson, Bean, White, Spreadbury, Welvaert
Motion Carried
3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation
No guests
4. Approve Minutes
4A - HRC Minutes from November 19, 2020
Commissioner Carlson noted grammar changes to Pages 5 and 7. Kabat to make corrections.
Motion: Spreadbury with Commissioner Carlson's addendums
Second: Bean
Kabat Roll Call Vote: Dunbar, Carlson, Bean, White, Spreadbury, Welvaert
Motion Carried
5. Treasurer's Report
5A. Kabat shared the report has not changed, no new expenses, the balance remains the same at \$1,684.95.

6. New Business

6A. Human Rights Award – Name 2020 Recipient

Commissioner Welvaert noted before the meeting this evening, the commission held a work session to review the nominations. Commissioner Welvaert shared there were 5 great nominees. She was very pleased to have each of the nominees in our community contributing to making Chaska a better place. The commission came to a consensus, this year the award is to be presented to Lee Ann Winters.

Commissioner Carlson explained why this decision was made. Lee Ann is a long-term resident of Chaska, quietly serves our community by giving winter gear to people in need. Referrals came from school counselors, Social Services Agencies, churches, neighbors, various organizations, and individuals. Give her a call to let her know who is in need. She provides dignity for those in need, please seek her out, she is a community gift that Chaska has needed for over 12 years. Congratulations to her as she joins other recipient award winners since 2011.

Motion: Carlson

Second: Bean

Kabat Roll Call Vote: Dunbar, Carlson, Bean, White, Spreadbury, Welvaert

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Welvaert noted the award would be presented at the MLK Day event on January 18, 2021, which will be held virtually.

Kabat shared last year Commissioner Carlson did the honor to reach out to the winner and nominees with a letter. Commissioner Carlson is happy to do so again this year. Kabat suggested Commissioner Carlson coordinate with Lee Ann to create some type of video to present the award during the MLK presentation. Kabat, Wright, and Commissioner Carlson will coordinate.

Commissioner Carlson will work on the letter and inquired about the previous year's letterhead to exclude the SW Chamber logo. Kabat to fix the letterhead template and send it to Commissioner Carlson.

Commissioner Welvaert shared the names of the other nominees. All wonderful groups and people who contribute to our community.

Nominees

Dan Turzinski, RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)

Randy Maluchnik

Martha Brannon, His House Foundation

Esperanza Organization

Commissioner Welvaert shared we have some fantastic things going on in the community, great to see people took the time to recognize them and sent nominations to the Human Rights Commission.

7. Other Business:

Commissioner Carlson shared she had old business regarding last month's task she offered. She has researched other Human Rights Commissions, what kinds of events are posted on their webpage as we prepare to have an updated webpage for 2021. Her list is not complete at this time, reporting she has looked, has a list, still looking, and will be fully prepared to share in 2021.

Commissioner Welvaert expressed her thanks to Commissioners Bean and Dunbar who will not be on the commission starting in January. Truly a pleasure to serve on the commission with both. Appreciated their ideas, questions, and the passion to see inclusion, equity, and fairness that is happening in our community.

Commissioners Dunbar and Bean shared it has been an honor to work with everyone and thanked the commission.

Kabat expressed his thanks to Commissioners Dunbar and Bean for their service. Shared if people have two qualities, they are likely to be very successful, being a good person and they have the interest of the community in their heart. They have both done that and it has been a pleasure to work with them both.

8. Next Meeting Date – January 28, 2021 (back to the 4th Thursday's of the month).

9. Adjourn

Motion: Dunbar

Second: Bean

Kabat Roll Call: Dunbar, Carlson, Bean, White, Spreadbury, Welvaert