



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Thursday, September 23, 2021
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Carlson, Haga, Welvaert, Hubbard

Absent: Sandison, S. White, Spreadbury, Hughes

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Haga

Second: Welvaert

Motion: Carried

3. Resignation – Commissioner Lisa White

3A Resignation of Commissioner Lisa White

Chair Carlson shared the commission had received a copy of Commissioner White's official resignation e-mail. Chair Carlson commented on Lisa's great contribution to the MLK Breakfast and Chaska River City Days and expressed Lisa will be missed. Kabat shared the process with Lisa's resignation to include Donta Hughes's position become a voting position. Two alternate positions would be open, they are open at this time for anyone to apply.

4. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

4A Guest Presentation – Julie Frick, and Allison Streich Carver County CDA
Presented to highlight affordable housing projects that the CDA leads

5. Approve Minutes

5A Adopt Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2021

Motion: Welvaert

Second: Hubbard

Motion: Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

6A Treasurer's Report 2021

Kabat shared an order was placed for the 250 fans for River City Days giveaways, however, the invoice has not yet been received. The approximate cost is \$665.00. Current balance is \$1,290.66.

Motion: Haga

Second: Hubbard

Motion: Carried

7. Committee Updates

7A Budget

Chair Carlson shared they submitted the budget to the City Council and are in the process of being approved. Levy was preliminarily approved for \$5,000.00 for 2022. Final approval will be on the first Monday in December at the City Council meeting.

7B River City Days

Chair Carlson expressed Commissioner Spreadbury and Denise Beebe added additional items to review for next year's give-aways to attract children to the booth. Commissioner Hubbard commented he likes the Sport Flyer and suggested a bubble machine. After further discussion, it was decided to postpone a decision till next month's meeting keeping in mind the invoice date for budget purposes.

7C MLK Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert reported they met on September 8th. In attendance were Commissioner S. White, Kevin Wright, and Nate Kabat. The sub-committee looked into pricing for bakery items. Dunn Brothers are willing to donate the coffee again. Working on checking the cost at other area bakeries to help support the MLK breakfast in some way. Next couple of weeks working to connect with area schools with ways to engage and participate. The next

meeting is on Oct 12th. Members of the subcommittee have personal connections with some people at the schools. Also noted is that Robin Francis is probably going to be the subcommittee's resource to the schools.

7D Program

Chair Carlson shared next month's guest speaker is Kelli Brenny who represents part of the diversity with the books program at District 112. Chair Carlson shared the possibility of a partnership with Kelly to include a couple of opportunities. First is physical appointments to read books to students in elementary and middle schools and second looking at books to purchase to use at the schools. The ROAR Foundation gave them little kids books but still need books for middle school students. She is looking forward to furthering discussions and her upcoming presentation.

Chair Carlson and commissioner Haga will meet Tuesday 9-28-2021 with the American Indian Advocacy Parent Advisory group. Discuss what the HRC has done and what we hope to accomplish with the group.

Chair Carlson shared the Chaska Rotary Club will donate \$250.00 towards our green card voices program in March 2022. They also offered their month of March guest weekly speakers as a resource to the Commission. Chair Carlson also has explored the ideas of people willing to make donations to the HRC for sponsoring the green card voices program. She is encouraged with the responses of how the community would like to know more about the program.

7E Empathetic Response

Commissioner Spreadbury was not in attendance at the meeting, no further discussion at this time.

7F Webpage

Chair Carlson and Commissioner Sandison met with Kevin Wright looking at other HRC webpages. They forwarded changes they would like to see on the webpage, possible resolutions and proclamations to be included.

8. New Business:

Commissioner Haga inquired when is the Human Rights award nominations available? Kabat stated it is currently posted, this is a good time of year to promote. Kabat to talk with Kevin Wright for media posting. Word of mouth and making suggestions is the best way to communicate this award. Commissioner Haga and Chair Carlson are going to work on a letter to the editor to promote nominations for this award. Commissioner Hubbard inquired about a message in the utility bills? Kabat to look into an insert with utility bills, not on white paper.

Commissioner Welvaert requested to keep in mind November 13th is shining the light on the homeless people sleep out at the Fireman's Park. She will be bringing more information regarding this event next month. His house foundation can always be notified for more information.

9. Next Meeting Date – October 28, 2021 (**NOTE:** November's meeting date will be held November 18th, 2021 due to Thanksgiving.) Commission to discuss December's meeting date at the next month's meeting.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Welvaert

Second: Hubbard

Motion: Carried