



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, December 16, 2021
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call
Present: Carlson, Hubbard, Welvaert, S. White
Absent: Haga, Spreadbury, Sandison
2. Adopt Agenda
Motion: Commissioner Welvaert
Second: Commissioner Hubbard
Motion: Carried
3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests
4. Approve Minutes
4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2021
Chair Carlson requested a correction to item 6Ci stating it is not the MLK Award but rather the City of Chaska Human Rights Award. Commissioner Sandison was marked as present and absent. Commissioner Welvaert stated Commissioner Sandison was absent. Chair Carlson also requested to delete the words “district” from the statement quoted as “Chair Carlson met with them in September for opportunities to partner with ‘district’ families.”
Motion: Commissioner Hubbard
Second: Commissioner Welvaert
Motion: Carried as amended
5. Treasurer’s Report
5A. Treasurer’s Report 2021
Kabat reported expense from fans purchased for River City Days cost \$462.50 which leaves a balance of \$826.16.
Motion: Commissioner Hubbard
Second: Commissioner Welvaert
Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6A. Diversity with Books Update

Chair Carlson stated they have withdrawn their request and will not be proceeding with their proposal. She is hopeful they will return in 2022.

6B. MLK Committee

Commissioner Welvaert stated they are in discussions with speakers and musicians, connecting with schools, and partnering with Hennepin County Arts Consortium for art work that will be displayed during the celebration. Human Rights Commission will be discussing the nominees for the award tonight. Kabat inquired which Commissioner will be speaking and giving out the award. Chair Carlson stated this will be discussed in tonight's work session. Chair Carlson also mentioned Jan 17, 2022 at 8 a.m. in the Event Center, there will be coffee, pastries and a keynote speaker, Johnathan Palmer from the Hallie Q Brown Center.

7. Other Business

7A. Chair Carlson stated she received a resignation of Commissioner Hughes earlier this week. She wished him well in the community and beyond.

7B. Chair Carlson noted the Chaska City Council will continue to receive applications to serve on the HRC through January 2022. She is looking forward to meeting the new members of the Human Rights Commission. Kabat encouraged others they know to apply. Commissioner S. White served her one-year term but could do 3 more consecutive terms. Commissioner S. White stated she will definitely think about re-applying.

7C. Kabat stated this will be his last meeting staffing the Human Rights Commission as he took the Community Development Director position effective January 3rd. He is hopeful the assistant administrator position will be filled by February. Chair Carlson noted her concern if the vacancy of Kabat's position has not been filled by their February meeting, would he consider filling in if needed. Kabat responded by stating he will cross that bridge when the time approaches. Chair Carlson stated her appreciation, thanked Kabat for his time and dedication to the Human Rights Commission, and taking their concerns to the City Council. Commissioner Welvaert thanked him for his help growing the Commission, his openness to feedback, and his knowledge of looking at every side and not always going with your first instinct. Commissioner Welvaert looks forward to seeing him around. Kabat stated he is proud of the work this Commission has done.

8. Next Meeting Date – Jan 17, 2022 at City Hall Council Chambers in conjunction with the MLK celebration and presentation of the Chaska Human Rights Commission Award. The following meeting date is February 24, 2022.
9. Adjourn to Work Session:
Motion: Commissioner Welvaert
Second: Commissioner Hubbard
Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.