



Minutes  
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
Thursday, March 9, 2023  
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Haga, Commissioners Ali-Daar, Welvaert, Zayic, Hubbard, White, Youth Representative Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioner Armstrong and Sandison

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Vice Chair Haga

Second: Commissioner Zayic

Motion: Carried

3. Introduction of New Members

4. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

5. Approve Minutes

5A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner White

Motion: Carried

6. Treasurer's Report

6A. Treasurer's Report – February 2023

Durbin reported on the updated Treasurer's Report expenses as follows: Human Rights Award Plaque final invoice was received. Over \$5,300 of the original \$6500 remaining in this year's budget.

Motion: Commissioner Hubbard

Second: Commissioner Zayic

Motion: Carried

7. Chair/Vice Chair and Committee Selections

7A. Select Chair, Vice Chair, and Committees

Commissioner Hubbard nominated Chair Carlson for Chair position.

Motion: Commissioner Hubbard

Second: Vice Chair Haga

Motion: Carried

Vice Chair Haga nominated Commissioner Hubbard for Vice Chair position.

Motion: Vice Chair Haga

Second: Commissioner Zayic

Motion: Carried

Commissioner Haga stated she would like to lead Pride Celebration and be a part of the Communication committee.

Commissioner Zayic would like to be on Cultural Heritage Month committee.

Commissioner Welvaert would like to be on MLK Celebration and Pride Celebration committees if able.

Commissioner Ali-Daar would like to be the Cultural Heritage Month committee.

Commissioner Whites and Ghatti would like to be on River City Days committee.

Vice Chair Hubbard would like to be on Women's Appreciation and River City Days committees.

Chair Carlson would like to help with Cultural Heritage and Communication.

8. Old Business

8A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert updated that the committee is beginning to look for a keynote speaker and asked for any recommendations to be sent to Durbin.

8B. Women's Appreciation

Commissioner Haga updated on the form on the HRC website to nominate women who live or work in Chaska who make a difference.

8C. Pride Celebration

Commissioner Haga updated that a date has been chosen and will be released to the public soon.

8Ci. Pride Art Banner

Commissioner Zayic updated that a studio might be needed to get a picture of the banner.

8D. River City Days

Nothing to report.

8E. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Zayic updated on the plan to have an event every weekend in September. Parks and Rec Commission have already planned a Latin Music and Food Festival.

8F. Community Partnerships

8Fi. Communities of Belonging

Commissioner Zayic updated that the final meeting of training meets this Monday. Commissioner Zayic also stated that the County is looking for candidates for a County Commission on health equity and belonging.

8Fii. Carver County Mental Health

Chair Carlson updated on the LGBTQ+ support group, and the decision not to take the project forward to the Carver County Commissioners. Ellie Krug has asked if the HRC is interested in supporting and funding the program going forward. Commission asked questions regarding the frequency of meetings, amount of funding needed, etc.

8Fiii. ISD 112 Native American Parent Advisory Group

Nothing to report.

8G. Communications

Durbin updated that short biographies are still needed for some Commissioners.

8H. City Committee Updates

8Hi. Chaska Community Center Master Plan Citizen Task Force

Vice Chair Hubbard updated that after meeting with Parks and Rec and getting survey responses, updates to the swimming pool area, fitness areas, and parking are desired. He will have more updates after their April meeting.

8Hii. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

Nothing to report.

9. New Business:

9A. New t-shirts and name tags

Chair Carlson updated on the new magnetic name tags being made for the Commission. Chair Carlson also requested feedback on t-shirt color and material. Commission will decide on final details at next meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date

10A. March Human Rights Commission Meeting – March 23, 2023

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.