



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, April 27, 2023
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call
Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Hubbard, Commissioners Ali-Daar, Zayic, Haga, Sandison, White, and City Communications Manager Kevin Wright
Absent: Commissioners Welvaert, Armstrong, and Ghatti
2. Adopt Agenda
Motion: Commissioner Sandison
Second: Commissioner Haga
Motion: Carried
3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests
4. Approve Minutes
4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023
Motion: Commissioner Haga
Second: Vice Chair Hubbard
Motion: Carried
5. Treasurer's Report
5A. Treasurer's Report 2023
Wright reported no expenses in the past month. The balance for the year remains at \$5,359.78.

Motion: Vice Chair Hubbard
Second: Commissioner Ali-Daar
Motion Carried
6. Committee Updates
6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Chair Carlson updated that the Committee has been looking at King's texts and speeches to adopt a theme for the upcoming year and a list of potential speakers has also been developed.

6B. Women's Appreciation

Commissioner Haga updated that there was a good turnout for the inaugural Women's Appreciation. The Commission discussed getting a head start for next year to ensure all applicants are featured on social media.

6C. Pride Celebration

Commissioner Haga reminded the Commission that the Pride Celebration is on Saturday, June 17th from 3-6 pm at McKnight Park. Commissioner Haga updated on the different ideas for activities to do at the Pride Celebration.

Motion to set a budget of up to \$1,800 for the Pride Celebration

Motion: Vice Chair Hubbard

Second: Commissioner Zayic

Motion: Carried

6D. River City Days

Vice Chair Hubbard updated that the Committee had the idea of doing a Jeopardy game every few hours played by City leaders. Other ideas are still being thrown around on how to engage City members. River City Days will be held at Lions Park on July 28-29th.

6E. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Zayic updated that the Committee is working to find a time to meet, but no date has been set yet. Commissioner Zayic also updated that there is already one event planned, a showcase of dances by the Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans.

6F. Community Partnerships

6Fi. Communities of Belonging

Chair Carlson updated that she participated in a Zoom call with 8 others to discuss additional training opportunities for members of the community to create a strategy to develop a story of belonging in Chaska.

6Fii. Carver County Mental Health

Commissioner Haga updated that the City will not be moving forward in partnering with the LGBTQ teen support group.

6G. Communications

Wright reminded the Commission to fill out the form for t-shirt size and name tag information after tonight's meeting.

Chair Carlson updated that she has been in communication with Mi Casa to bring forward a program that will offer education and guidance on the Driver's License for All Law that will be effective in October 2023.

Chair Carlson also updated that there will be a fresh fruit and vegetable distribution at Chaska Middle School West during the summer months.

7. New Business

7A. Wright updated that Christmas in May is taking place on Saturday, May 6th.

8. Next Meeting Date – May 25, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.