



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, May 25, 2023
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Hubbard, Commissioners Welvaert, White, Sandison, Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioners Ali-Daar and Haga

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Vice Chair Hubbard

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2023

Durbin recommended waiting on approving minutes until next month's meeting due to the absence of Commissioners during the agenda item.

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report – May 2023

Durbin reported the remaining expenses as follows: Since the April meeting, name tags and t-shirts have been ordered, and invoices will be in soon. The remaining balance stands at just over \$3500.

Motion: Commissioner White

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert updated on the MLK Jr./Human Rights Celebration breakfast. A short list of potential speakers has been made, and the top of the list has been reached out to about availability and prices. Tracy Gibson is the

Vice President at Anderson Corporation and is on board to be a speaker at the event. The following quote has been chosen as the focus of the event: "If you can't fly, run; if you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, crawl, but by all means keep moving" -MLK. The subcommittee is meeting again on June 13th.

6B. Women's Appreciation
Nothing to report.

6C. Pride Celebration
Commissioner Welvaert updated that June 17th from 3-6pm at McKnight Park is the 3rd annual Pride Celebration. Activities include Community Art Event, tie-dye, free ice cream, DJ, sensory zone, lawn games, food truck, and other community resources and tables. Vice Chair Hubbard suggested a few potential ideas for food trucks that could be bought for the celebration.

6D. River City Days
Commissioner White updated on the following ideas that the sub-committee came up with: Jeopardy Game show, TV with videos/photos about the Commission, spin wheel with questions and prizes. Prizes would include sunglasses, candy/freezies, pop-it keychains, and fans. The booth costs \$50, and the sub-committee is looking for \$300 for food and drink. Vice Chair Hubbard recommended increasing the budget to \$500 to cover a prize for the Jeopardy winner.

Motion to authorize a budget of up to \$500 for River City Days.

Motion: Commissioner Ghatti
Second: Commissioner Welvaert
Motion: Carried

6E. Cultural Heritage Month
Chair Carlson updated on the Latin Music and Food Festival at Fireman's Park in September. The sub-committee also has ideas for two cultural events. First, the Cultural Appreciation Celebration through a European Language of Music and Love, featuring ethnic dancing, historical/immigrant stories of Chaska, and informational booths. Second, the East African Cultural Day would feature East African immigrants, their fashion, dances, and a display from the Somalia Museum of Minnesota. Chair Carlson asked the Commission for their opinion on whether or not these events should take place, due to a resignation on the subcommittee. The Commission asked questions regarding the amount of work needed to make the events happen and the communication that has been made

so far with the dancers, etc. Vice Chair Hubbard recommended doing only one of the events due to a lack of Commissioners able to plan. The Commission discussed details and ideas for the Latin Music and Food Festival.

6F. Community Partnerships

6Fi. Communities of Belonging

Nothing to report.

6G. Communications

Chair Carlson updated that Durbin received the resignation of Oana Zayic from the Commission. Durbin updated that there was one person who was interviewed in January and was not appointed to a specific Commission. Durbin will reach out and see if that person is still interested in the Human Rights Commission.

Chair Carlson updated that the Chaska Rotary has invited the Commission to their meeting on June 1st at 7:30 am.

7. New Business:

7A. Driver's License for All Workshops

Chair Carlson gave background information about the purpose for the seminars. It is a partnership with Mi Casa Foundation, Immigrant Law Center, and Unidos to provide linguistic training to prepare for the enactment of Driver's License for All. The program is asking the Commission to fund the cost of rental space needed for 6 sessions at \$65 each, totaling \$390. Chair Carlson has asked for a grant from the Lion's Club and is awaiting a response. The program has also asked that at least one member of the Commission would be present at each session.

Motion to approve \$390 to offset the rental fee for the Moravian Church for the sessions.

Motion: Commissioner Sandison

Second: Vice Chair Hubbard

Motion: Carried with Commissioner Welvaert abstaining.

8. Next Meeting Date – June 22, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.