



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

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Hubbard, Commissioners Ali-Daar, Welvaert, White, Ghatti, LeSueur, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioners Sandison and Haga

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner LeSueur

Second: Commissioner White

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Ali-Daar

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported July 2023 expenses as follows: Pride Celebration budget has been finalized and all the supplies have come in, \$1,461.47 of the \$1,800 budget was used. The budget for River City Days was set at \$500, and money spent on supplies to date is around \$183. Chair Carlson wrote an application to the Lions Club for funding for Cultural Heritage events and was successful, \$2,000 was received. Balance stands at \$4,572 for the remainder of the year.

Motion: Commissioner White

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion Carried

6. Old Business

6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert asked Commission to think about the weather expected for January 2024. The subcommittee has not met since the last HRC meeting, however, Stacey Nelson Kumar met with the school district to get more information on high school groups that want to help support the event. Kumar asked if the HRC would be able to donate the funds for the books. Vice Chair Hubbard suggested giving a specific dollar amount, to ensure enough funds would be set aside. The total cost for the books is estimated at \$225.

Commissioner Welvaert made a motion to approve expenditures up to \$450 on the MLK book giveaway.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Vice Chair Hubbard

Motion: Carried

6B. Women's Appreciation

Nothing to report.

6C. Pride Celebration

Nothing to report.

6D. River City Days

Vice Chair Hubbard updated the Commission that River City Days is taking place this weekend, the booth is being set up by the City, they will be showing pictures of events done by the HRC during the year, and there will be handouts and swag giveaways. The Commission discussed logistics for the booth and Jeopardy games.

6E. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Ali-Daar updated that there will be an African Culture Night on September 8th, from 6-9 at the Chaska Event Center. It will be an indoor event, the budget will be around \$3,500-4,000, including the \$2,000 donation from the Lion's Club. There will be two performances and a fashion show. Confirmed people for the event include the Somali Museum of Minnesota, the Kenyan Culture Organization, and the Egyptian Society. The Commission discussed the different organizations, the food budget, henna tattoos, etc.

6F. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson updated on the upcoming Drivers License for All classes being held on August 26th and two more in September.

6Fi. Communities of Belonging

Chair Carlson updated that on August 2, Communities of Belonging has partnered with the YMCA of the North for additional training at Carver County Public Health Department.

6G. Communications

Chair Carlson shared that Beyond New Beginnings is having a strategic planning session and have invited members of the HRC to come talk with their board about the issues of Humans Rights here in Chaska on Saturday, August 12th at 1 pm at Charlson Meadows in Victoria and a BBQ after the session. Chair Carlson asked if any members of the Commission would be able to join.

Chair Carlson also updated on accepting the resignation of Commissioner White as she heads off to college in Baltimore. This is her official last meeting.

Vice Chair Hubbard suggested having posts to be put up on social media to highlight veterans for Veteran's Day in November.

7. New Business

Nothing to report.

8. Next Meeting Date – August 24, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.