



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, August 24, 2023
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Hubbard, Commissioners Ali-Daar, Welvaert, Haga, Sandison, Ghatti, LeSueur

Absent: None

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Haga

Second: Commissioner LeSueur

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2023

Motion: Commissioner LeSueur

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported the updated expenses as follows: The River City Days budget has been finalized, and unused funds have been put back into the available balance. For the August budget, dance performances taking place in September have been committed. Books for the MLK Celebration have been budgeted for, but not bought yet.

Motion: Commissioner Ali-Daar

Second: Commissioner LeSueur

Motion Carried

6. Committee Updates

6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert updated that the subcommittee has not met in the last month. Next time they meet they will discuss the books and when they will be ordered.

6B. Appreciation Months

Commissioner Hubbard discussed the Veteran's recognition that could be done on the Facebook page. Commissioner Haga discussed the Veteran's Appreciation event done at Chaska Middle School. They partnered with Chaska County Veteran Services and said that the Commission could potentially utilize the presentation that was used and get some of the information to Kevin.

6C. Pride Celebration

Commissioner Haga mentioned that planning for next year's event should be started sooner, and wondered if the Commission wants to make the event bigger.

6D. River City Days

Chair Carlson updated that the event went smoothly and that Jeopardy went great as well. Commissioner Haga thanked Vice Chair Hubbard for his contribution of the candy at the event. Vice Chair Hubbard mentioned looking for supporters for next year's event.

6E. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Ali-Daar updated that the African Celebration will be held on September 8th from 6-9 p.m. She updated that finding fashion show participants and marketing to promote the event is being worked on now. The Somali Museum of Minnesota will be in attendance as well.

Commissioner LeSueur updated on the information that will be on the tables about each of the different countries, cultures, and languages.

Commissioner Ali-Daar updated that Creative Catering has been chosen for the food at the event. The catering has been finalized, the cost was about \$1,000. Commissioner Ghatti will be in charge of the Henna tattoos at the event, she has found 2 other people to help her with that.

Commissioner Ali-Daar asked if there could be a few volunteers to help at each of the stations/tables. Chair Carlson asked if anyone could come help her at 1pm on September 8th to help her set up all the tables. Chair Carlson asked if anyone on the Commission is interested in wearing a dress from Sudan and participating in the Fashion Show.

Chair Carlson updated that the Latin Music and Food Festival is being held on September 22nd and there will be a booth for the HRC.

Chair Carlson updated on the Indigenous People's Day, honoring America's first inhabitants. Commissioner Haga is looking for a couple of people who can help out, Commissioner LeSueur volunteered.

6F. Community Partnerships

6Fi. Communities of Belonging

Chair Carlson updated that she and Commissioner Ali-Daar participated at the latest training at the YMCA of the North, sponsored by the Public Health Department.

6G. Communications

Chair Carlson updated that on August 12, she gave a presentation to the Beyond New Beginnings Board of Directors about the work the HRC does. She said that it was very well received. Chair Carlson also updated that the final draft of the Master Pedestrian and Bike Plan for Chaska has been finalized and is available on the Parks and Rec Website to be read if anyone is interested.

Vice Chair Hubbard recommended that everyone take a look at the Community Center Master Plan and put in their input to the Parks and Rec Department.

Chair Carlson updated that this Saturday, August 26th, is one of the final Driver's License for All classes at the Chaska Moravian Church.

7. New Business:

Chair Carlson updated that the Art Gallery Exhibit area at the Chaska Community Center is looking for exhibits for 2024. She recommended that the HRC begin thinking about future exhibits they would like to do in 2024.

8. Next Meeting Date – September 28, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.