



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, October 26, 2023
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Hubbard, Commissioners Hanne Sandison, Jennifer Welvaert, Youth Representative Juhi Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioners Ali-Daar, Haga, and LeSueur

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Sandison

Second: Commissioner Ghatti

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report October 2023

Durbin reported the September and October expenses as follows: African Cultural event payout was made and \$340 was paid towards the Latino V.O.I.C.E.S. request. Leaving a balance of \$1,015.85. \$450 from the remaining balance has been budgeted for the MLK Celebration books but has not been spent yet.

Motion: Commissioner Sandison

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion Carried

6. Committee Updates

6A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Chair Carlson updated that another member is needed to join the subcommittee to help with planning the event.

6B. Appreciation Months (Women's, Veteran's)

The Commission discussed Veteran's Appreciation and what should be put together and posted.

6C. Pride Celebration

Nothing to report.

6D. River City Days

Nothing to report.

6E. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Welvaert updated that the ofrenda is up at the Community Center.

6F. Community Partnerships

6Fi. Communities of Belonging

Chair Carlson updated that a vision statement is being worked on.

6G. Communications

Nothing to report.

7. New Business

7A. Hooked on Books Request

Chair Carlson updated that there has been a request from the District 112 Community Education person asking the HRC to consider making a financial donation to the Hooked on Books program, anywhere from \$100-\$3,000.

Commissioner Welvaert expressed that she does not feel a donation of such a large amount would be worth the money for a social media post. Commissioner Sandison agreed but stated that a donation on the first tier from \$100-\$499 would be her choice.

Vice Chair Hubbard stated that he does not support donating this year but thinks it could be planned ahead of time for next year.

Commissioner Welvaert stated she would feel more comfortable waiting to see how expensive the swag would be before making a commitment to support Hooked on Books.

7B. October 28, 2023 Community Celebration

7C. 2024 HRC Action Plan

Chair Carlson updated that she worked with Vice Chair Hubbard and City Staff Durbin to create the Action Plan that lays out what the priorities are for 2024 work plans.

Commissioner Welvaert expressed her support of the Action Plan as a jumping-off point.

Chair Carlson discussed the desire of the Action Plan to complement the City's Strategic Plan for 2024.

7D. 2024 HRC Swag

Chair Carlson updated that they currently have 26 sunglasses, 5 fans, and 4 pens left. City Staff Durbin updated that staff can look at vendors to come up with merch suggestions to present at the November meeting.

Vice Chair Hubbard recommended purchasing more of the swag that has been popular in the past.

Commissioner Welvaert suggested getting more of the pop-its.

Commissioner Ghatti suggested getting syringe pens or other unique, tangible items with the HRC logo on them.

7E. 2023 Chaska Human Rights Award

Chair Carlson updated that they are accepting applications at this time and will be sent to City Hall, the nomination form is on the HRC webpage.

Commissioner Welvaert asked if the information about the award could be announced and pushed out on social media to get more involvement.

8. Next Meeting Date – November 16, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.