



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, January 25, 2024
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 and LeSueur

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Sandison

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Ghatti

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5A. Treasurer's Report- January 2024

Durbin reported January expenses as follows: An additional \$23 related to the MLK day celebration has not yet been processed. About \$12 for Community Connect is also still being processed.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Hubbard

Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert recapped the MLK day celebration. She thanked Chaska High School for their speeches by the speech team, and the SOAR students for their involvement in the event. She also reported that Chair Carlson presented this year's Human Rights award to Mi Casa and Brad and Marissa Nordling at the event.

6.B. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson reported that the committee approved \$100 in the December meeting to donate to the Hooked on Books event. She urged all committee members to attend if they are able.

Chair Carlson shared that her and commissioner Welvaert attended the Carver Community Connect with Kevin Wright. She shared that they had a table and were able to talk to many community members and get valuable feedback.

6.C. Communications

Chair Carlson reported that AARP will be providing free tax assistance at the Moravian Church in Chaska on Mondays from February 12th through April 8th by appointment only. Commissioner Welvaert shared that this program is open to anyone who has a simple tax form.

7. New Business:

7.A. 2024 Calendar

Chair Carlson reported that the announcement for the new and returning committee members will be made in February. She shared that she would like the committee to start making plans for new events for the year in February. Chair Carlson highlighted some plans for the year. Women's recognition planned for March, Asian and Pacific Islanders recognition for May, Pride celebration on June 22, River City Days, Cultural Heritage month, and acknowledge Native Americans in October, and Veterans in November.

7.B. Qualitative and Quantitative Measures

Chair Carlson reported that many community members raised questions on how the Human Rights award is picked. Staff Durbin shared that she is working on drafting up a tool that the HRC can use when looking at future nominations.

8. Next Meeting Date – February 22, 2024 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.