



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, May 23, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Welvaert, Commissioners Rehn LeSueur, Hanne Sandison, Kevin Mee, Brittany Haanan, Yousif Hamza, and City Staff Kevin Wright

Absent: Commissioners Hubbard, Ali-Daar, and Ghatti

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

3.A. Beyond New Beginnings - Jill Engeswick

Jill Engeswick shared how her organization started and what it aims to do. She also explained further what her organization does for families in the community. She shared the different things that they offer families through their organization and presented the Commission with a video from some of the moms who are a part of the program. She also shared the different volunteer options that are available to help the program.

4. Approve Minutes

4.A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur

Second: Commissioner Haanan

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5.A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Wright reported May expenses as follows: There is \$3,917 balance remaining; \$13 was spent on name badges in April; and, \$2,000 has been budgeted for the Pride Celebration.

Motion: Commissioner Sandison
Second: Commissioner Welvaert
Motion Carried

6. Committee Updates

6.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration
Nothing to report.

6.B. Women's Appreciation
Staff Wright shared that the subcommittee has met a few times so far. He shared that the same forms as last year were sent out and the subcommittee has chosen a few women to highlight.

6.C. Asian and Pacific Islander Recognition
Chair Carlson presented the commission with the statement. Commissioner Lesueur shared that the subcommittee is planning on meeting soon.

6.C.i. Asian American and Pacific Islander Month HRC Statement
Chair Carlson shared the Commission's statement for Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.

6.D. Pride Celebration
Commissioner Mee reported the updates for the planning of the Pride event. He shared the many companies and organizations that are participating in the event. Commissioner Haanan shared that they have raised enough money to be able to have a tie-dye station at the event. She shared that they have a DJ lined up and have many activities planned for the celebration. Commissioner Welvaert discussed the possibility of the Commission selling shirts at the event. The event will take place June 22nd from 3-6 pm at Veterans Park.

6.E. River City Days
Commissioner Haanan shared that there hasn't been much progress made in planning the event, but they have decided to do something similar to previous years.

6.F. Cultural Heritage Month
Commissioner Hamza shared that the Cultural Heritage Month event will take place on October 4th. He shared that they would like to be able to represent cultures from every continent.

6.G. Indigenous Peoples Recognition

Chair Carlson shared the small updates they have with the event.

6.H. Veteran Acknowledgement

Nothing to report.

6.I. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson thanked Commissioner Hannan and Welvaert for attending the Cinco de Mayo Chaska Rotary event and representing the Commission. She shared that Latino Voices acknowledged the HRC with a certificate of appreciation.

7. New Business:

Staff Wright shared that there have been meetings to discuss a possible newspaper to represent the four eastern Carver County communities. This possible newspaper group is in the early stages of development.

8. Next Meeting Date – June 28, 2024, at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.