



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, March 28, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Welvaert, Commissioners Hanne Sandison, Brittany Haanan, Yousif Hamza, Youth Representative Juhi Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioners Ali-Daar, LeSueur, Hubbard, and Mee

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion to remove item 6.A. from the Agenda

Motion: Chair Carlson

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

Motion to approved agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Haanan

Second: Commissioner Ghatti

Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

3.A. Justin Page, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota, Civil Rights Units

Justin Page explained about the Civil Rights Unit he is a part of at the Department of Justice. He shared the many different types of cases he deals with in his practice and answered questions asked by the Commission.

4. Approve Minutes

4.A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Ghatti

Second: Commissioner Haanan

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5.A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported March expenses as follows: Shirts for the new Commissioner members have been purchased and the members have received their shirts. There is around \$5900 remaining for the year.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert
Second: Commissioner Haanan
Motion Carried

6. New Business

6.A. "Conversations on R.A.C.E." - Adonai Yidnekachew
This item was removed upon adoption of the agenda.

7. New Business:

7.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Chair Carlson asked the Commission for any ideas they might have for the next MLK celebration.

7.B. Women's Appreciation

Staff Durbin reported that the subcommittee met and discussed the plans for this year's plans. She shared that the group has made a call for nominations. The Commission discussed starting plans for Women's Appreciation earlier for the next year.

7.C. Asian and Pacific Islander Recognition

Nothing to report.

7.D. Pride Celebration

Commissioner Welvaert reported that the subcommittee has met a few times. The subcommittee met with a few different possible partners for the event. The celebration will be held Saturday, June 22, from 3-6 p.m. at Veterans Park. They are planning to have several different activities for the event. She discussed the possibility of having booths for different businesses and groups to be able to buy for a small cost. She shared that they would like to get a DJ for this event.

Commissioner Welvaert asked for the Commission to approve the budget of up to \$2000 for this event.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert
Second: Commissioner Haanan
Motion: Carried

7.E. River City Days

Nothing to report.

7.F. Cultural Heritage Month

Commissioner Ghatti shared that she would like to redirect the focus of the event to cultures all around the world instead of just focusing on African culture.

7.G. Indigenous Peoples Recognition

Nothing to report.

7.H. Veterans Acknowledgement

Chair Carlson shared they would like to start planning something soon.

7.I. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson reported that she met with the Communities of Belonging and discussed what they would like to do to take the next steps in restoring some of their original values when the City of Chaska was created in the 80's.

7.J. Other Communications

Nothing to report.

8. Next Meeting Date – April 25, 2024 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.