



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday, June 27, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Welvaert, Commissioners Rehn LeSueur, Brittany Haanan (arrived late at 6:35 pm), Hanne Sandison (arrived late at 6:58), Kevin Mee, Youth Representative Juhi Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin
Absent: Commissioners Hubbard, Ali-Daar, and Hamza

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur
Second: Commissioner Mee
Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

3.A. Libby Fairchild

Chaska resident Libby Fairchild shared that the State of Minnesota has proclaimed the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day. She would like the City of Chaska to join other Minnesota cities and also proclaim the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Chair Carlson noted that they do have a subcommittee that works with Indigenous Peoples recognition. Commissioner Welvaert thanked Libby for her impact on the City. She asked if she was planning on going to the City Council regarding this. Ms. Fairchild noted that she would be willing to plan something to bring to the City Council.

4. Approve Minutes

4.A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert
Second: Commissioner Ghatti
Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5.A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported June expenses as follows: She reported that they have started spending funds related to the Pride Celebration. The Pride subcommittee has an

updated version of the Pride Celebration budget. Whatever is not spent on the Pride budget will go back into the fund balance.

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur

Second: Commissioner Haanan

Motion: Carried

6. Old Business

6.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Nothing to Report.

6.B. Women's Appreciation

Nothing to Report.

6.C. Asian and Pacific Islanders Recognition

Chair Carlson thanked Commissioner Lesueur for his post for AAPI recognition. Commissioner Lesueur shared the subcommittee's plans for next year's recognition.

6.D. Pride Celebration

Chair Carlson thanked the Commission for putting on an excellent event and for all they did. Commissioner Welvaert reported on the event. She noted that the subcommittee gathered notes and though from the event, they have not yet met but plan to soon. She also mentioned that they had a lot of support from businesses for the event, they hope to find more for the future. Commissioner Mee shared about a situation they faced with Costco on the day of the event and asked the Commission for feedback on the situation. Commissioner Welvaert reported that they didn't have food trucks and ran into a beverage problem. She also thanked anyone who aided in the production of the event. She asked the Commission for feedback on the event. Commissioner Lesueur loved the event and was very impressed with the many things available. He noted that he would love it if the tents were closer. Commissioner Ghatti was very impressed with the event and shared how much she enjoyed the event. Chair Carlson shared her appreciation for those involved and thanked those for continuing to put on the event despite weather complications. Commissioner Welvaert shared how thankful she was to the Carver County Library and their participation in the event. She reported that so far, the subcommittee has spent \$1988.45 on the event and received \$750 in donations. The net expenses are \$1,238. Around \$750 will be going back into the Commission's budget.

6.E. River City Days

Commissioner Haanan reported that the subcommittee has not officially met but has had some informal discussion. She noted that they had secured a table at the event. They plan on doing Jeopardy at the event as they did last year. Chair Carlson reminded the Commission to submit fun questions about Chaska for the Jeopardy game. The Commission discussed the type of prizes/swag they should have available at the event. The subcommittee for River City Days is requesting a \$500 budget for the event on July 26 and 27.

Motion: Commissioner Ghatti

Second: Commissioner Welvaert

Motion: Carried

6.F. Cultural Heritage Month

Nothing to report

6.G. Indigenous Peoples Recognition

Chair Carlson discussed the issues brought up by Libby Fairchild in the open Forum. She reported that Nate Kabat from the City will visit the Commission in the future to discuss the renovations to City Square Park.

6.H. Veteran Acknowledgement

Chair Carlson shared they are working to plan something to recognize veterans.

6.I. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson thanked Commissioner Sandison for her resource contributions to the Pride Celebration.

7. New Business

Commissioner Haanan shared an email she received from a friend who is on the Equity Commission in New Brighton, MN. The New Brighton Equity Commission is hosting a Commissioner Forum for all Equity centric commissions in MN. She asked the Commission for feedback on sending representatives to join.

Commissioner Welvaert shared that she thinks that this could be very beneficial for some of the Commissioners to attend. Chair Carlson shared that the City of Chanhassen is looking to start their own Human Rights Commission. She noted that Chanhassen would like to hear from some of the Commissioners to help with the start of their Commission. Commissioners Ghatti and Mee shared that they would love to be able to represent the Commission at the event in New Brighton.

8. Next Meeting Date – July 25, 2024 at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.
9. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.