



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Vice Chairperson Welvaert, Commissioners Rehn LeSueur, Martin Hubbard, Kevin Mee, Brittany Haanan, Hanne Sandison, Yousif Hamza, Youth Representative Juhi Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin

Absent: Commissioner Ali-Daar.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion adopted by general consensus.

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation – no guests

4. Approve Minutes

4.A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Haanan

Second: Commissioner Lesueur

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5.A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported July expenses as follows: Since the last meeting, the ice cream truck from the Pride event has been paid. The approved \$500 budget for River City Days has been put in. The \$761.55 that was left over from the Pride event has been put back into the balance. The remaining fund balance is \$4179.09.

Motion: Commissioner Welvaert

Second: Commissioner Mee

Motion Carried

6. Old Business

6.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Chair Carlson reported that the Subcommittee will have their first meeting soon. She asked for anyone who has ideas to let her know.

6.B. Women's Appreciation

Nothing to report.

6.C. Asian and Pacific Islander Recognition

Nothing to report.

6.D. Pride Celebration

Commissioner Haanan noted that the Subcommittee has met and they have nothing new to share at the moment, but they have begun thinking about next year's event.

6.E. River City Days

Commissioner Ghatti discussed that the Subcommittee has not yet met but has discussed through email the plans for the Commission's involvement in the event. Chair Carlson reported the things that the volunteers will need to do prior to the event. The Commission discussed the plans for the event.

6.F. Cultural Heritage Month

Chair Carlson reported that she believes Kevin sent out the survey for the cultures that people would like to see represented in October. Staff Durbin noted that they will also have a QR code for the survey available for the River City Day event.

6.G Indigenous People Recognition

Chair Carlson reported that Libby Fairchild will have a recommendation for the name change of the second Monday of October for City Council to approve by next month's meeting.

6.H Veteran Acknowledgment

Chair Carlson shared that the Veterans service officer will visit them in October to discuss the plans for Veterans Acknowledgment. Commissioner Lesueur asked if the subcommittee should wait to meet until they get in contact with the service officer. Chair Carlson noted that the officer doesn't really affect the Subcommittee in their planning.

6.I Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson asked the Commission their opinions on the involvement with the Equity Commission in New Brighton on September 26, 2024. Commissioner Mee

noted that he is interested in participating. Commissioner Haanan also shared her interest in the event. Commissioner Welvaert noted that she thinks this would be very beneficial to the Commission to participate. Commissioner Ghatti also reported that she plans on attending. Chair Carlson asked Staff Durbin to check if they will be able to use the City Bus for transportation. Chair Carlson reported that downtown Chaska celebrated the opening of the tunnel underneath Highway 41. She noted that the Communities of Belonging Committee has not met and will meet again in September.

7. New Business:

Chair Carlson reported that the Chaska Rotary Club has asked her to do a presentation on what the Commission has been doing lately. She will be doing this at the Chaska Event Center on August 1st at 7:15 a.m. and anyone is welcome to join her. She also reported that the West Creek Apartments will be opening on July 29th, and they will have a celebration from 4-6 p.m. These apartments are designed for 18-29 year olds who are homeless or in transition.

8. Next Meeting Date – August 22, 2024, at City Hall Council Chambers.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.