



Minutes
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024
6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Carlson, Commissioners Ali-Daar, Martin Hubbard, Rehn LeSueur, Kevin Mee, Youth Representative Juhi Ghatti, and City Staff Elise Durbin
Absent: Commissioners Ali-Daar, Welvaert, Sandison, Haanan, and Hamza

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur
Second: Commissioner Hubbard
Motion: Carried

3. Open Forum/Guest Presentation

3.A Libby Fairchild

Libby Fairchild introduced herself. She provided information on adding an Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation. She explained her reasons for putting this together and shared information about a few tribes in the area. She read her draft copy of the proclamation. Chair Carlson asked Libby to share her thoughts on why this is important. Libby Fairchild noted that it is very important to recognize these different Indigenous peoples especially due to the foundation of the name Chaska. Commissioner Lesueur asked what the next steps would be for adding this proclamation. Staff Durbin explained that they would bring this before the Council at their first meeting in October.

Motion to approve the resolution as written pending review from other Commissioners

Motion: Commissioner Lesueur
Second: Commissioner Hubbard
Motion: Carried

4. Approve Minutes

4.A. Adopt Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2024

Motion: Commissioner Ghatti
Second: Commissioner Mee

Motion: Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

5.A. Treasurer's Report 2023

Durbin reported August expenses as follows: Since the last meeting there were a few additional purchases in July. The cost of the River City Days event is shown in the report. The Commission has spent about \$150 of the \$500 budget for River City Days. The unused River City Days budget has returned to their account.

The Commission discussed their budget this year as compared to last year at this time.

Motion: Commissioner Mee

Second: Commissioner Ghatti

Motion Carried

6. New Business

6.A. Indigenous Peoples Day Statement- Libby Fairchild

This item was considered as agenda item 3.A.

6.B. Carver County Pride

Commissioner Mee updated the Commission on his discussion with Carver County and their Pride event. Chair Carlson asked who could participate in the event and how much they should participate. She noted that she could be present for part of the day. Commissioner Ghatti noted that she could most likely participate. Commissioner Hubbard explained that he could participate in the evening. The Commission discussed having tie dye at the event. Commissioner Mee explained to the Commission that they don't need to be there for the whole event. The Commission decided to participate in the event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

7. Old Business:

7.A. MLK Human Rights Celebration

Commissioner Mee reported on his discussion with a potential speaker for the celebration. He needs to follow up with her to get her final decision. Chair Carlson reported some people and organizations she has found to collaborate with them for this event.

7.B. Women's Appreciation

Nothing to report.

7.C. Asian and Pacific Islander Recognition

Nothing to report.

7.D. Pride Celebration

Nothing to report.

7.E. River City Days

Nothing to report.

7.F. Cultural Heritage Month

Chair Carlson noted they will be meeting within the week. They have sent a survey out to residents regarding which cultures to represent.

7.G. Indigenous Peoples Recognition

Nothing to report.

7.H. Veteran Acknowledgment

Commissioner Lesueur reported that the subcommittee will be meeting this month.

7.I. Community Partnerships

Chair Carlson noted that Latino Voices may be coming before the Commission to discuss partnership in their Day of the Dead event. Commissioner Ghatti noted that she would like to see the Commission get involved with the Touch a Truck event next year. Chair Carlson discussed how she would like the Commission to get a new banner that better represents the Commission at events.

Commissioner Ghatti suggested switching the banner out for a printed tablecloth for ease. The Commission discussed banner options. Commissioner Hubbard suggested putting together a box of all event necessities to keep everything in one place. Chair Carlson asked the Commission what they think about attendance for the Brighton event. Commissioners came to a consensus that a majority of Commissioners will attend the meeting. This will be considered as the official Commission meeting for September. Commissioner Ghatti asked about taking funding for the Cultural Heritage event. The Commission discussed what needs funding for the event.

Motion to approve \$2000 budget for the Cultural Heritage Month Celebration

Motion: Commissioner Ghatti

Second: Commissioner Lesueur

Motion: Carried

8. Next Meeting Date – October 24, 2024, at City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.