



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 3, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THIRD FLOOR

CSAC – WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

Members present by roll call: Jacqueline Gerry, Shad Storm, Seth Malott, Diane Cleveland and Lin Jennewein

Absent: Mel Siyo and Merton B. Tice Jr.

Also present: Assistant City Attorney, Jessica Rogers, City Council Liaison, Laura Armstrong and Administrative Secretary, Robin Garner

Gerry called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

Cleveland moved to adopt the agenda, second by Storm. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2018 MEETING

Mallott moved to approve the April 5, 2018 minutes. Second by Cleveland. Motion carried.

CASE STATUS UPDATE- CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant City Attorney Jessica Rogers gave an update. There have been no new cases since the last meeting. Recently, there was an event that might have become a complaint, but the police were actually called and the person was cited for disorderly conduct. Since this is a unique situation, Assistant City Attorney Kinsley Groote and Rogers worked with Karen Mortimer from the MOA and put together an alternative sentencing for these types of cases rather than jail time. They developed a program "The Cultural Impact Panel" to be used as an alternative sentencing which consists of two 1 hour sessions the defendant would attend. The panel is generally made up of two Native Americans from the community, Karen, from MOA as a moderator and there may be an additional person there as well. Rogers gave an overview of the curriculum for these sessions. The State's Attorney's Office has been notified this program is available so other groups can also use this as an actual alternative sentence. The program was developed with the idea of healing the community one person at a time. Rogers will give an update on the first case at July's meeting. This is a remedy that we might use for HRC complaints in the future.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN APRIL

Laura Armstrong attended a Native children's book signing at the Garage.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND 2018 PLANNING

- A. Social Media Update: Storm attended the social media training. He is now looking to the group for direction on how to proceed and when to go live with the Facebook page. The group discussed page promotion, types of content and how often to post. Public comments were discussed and how to monitor these. The Executive Committee will serve as administrators. Storm will begin by posting notices of upcoming events that relate to the HRC and will give an update of any activity at next month's meeting.
- B. Groups or Organizations for possible presentations update:
Storm is working on the Hope Center and One Rapid City. Gerry offered to contact The Hope Center and help with the presentation if there is interest. Storm will continue to work with Karissa at One Rapid City.
Cleveland had conversation with McKie Ford but they are not currently interested. Cleveland will speak with Doris Anne at AARP.
Jennewein indicated Canyon Lake Senior Center has had some things come up so she has not approached them. Armstrong is on their Board and will bring the idea to their next meeting on May 21st. Jennewein will attend the meeting also.
Mallott is on the WAVY Board and will see if there is interest.
Armstrong added the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Institute may be an option and will speak to them.
Gerry will review prior meeting minutes regarding information on the request Jamie Al Haj had made last fall for a possible presentation to a group her niece is involved with.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE-GENERAL HRC TRAINING

Assistant City Attorney Rogers presented a power point presentation which covered the following areas:

- 1) Different types of discrimination we as a commission do and do not cover, and our area of jurisdiction.
- 2) Complaint procedure from start to finish.
- 3) Housing discrimination.
- 4) Recent cases the US Department of Justice have been involved with.
- 5) Types of discrimination currently found prevalent in 2018.
- 6) Explanation of the practice of redlining that is often used by lending institutions.
- 7) Definition and differences between service animals and emotional support animals.
- 8) Rental property discrimination for persons with disabilities.

Gerry asked Rogers if there are other trainings the Commission may have received in the past that would be beneficial. Rogers does not have anything currently, but suggested if members hear of anything, to bring those ideas back to the commission.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

LIAISON REPORT

Armstrong gave a list of upcoming events:

- 1) May 10th a second presentation of “The Inconvenient Truth” (part two in the series) will be at 6pm at the Dahl, free.
- 2) MOA will be presenting in the near future to the City Council regarding the trip taken in January to the Museum of Tolerance
- 3) May 24th 7:00 am at the Garage, Deidre Schmidt, CEO of the largest provider of affordable housing in the Midwest, will be presenting “Changing the Dialogue on Affordable Housing”.
- 4) June 5th is the Republican primary election but also the arena vote to either remodel or build new. Must be Rapid City resident registered voter. Marsy’s Law will also be on the ballot.

BUDGET UPDATE

Garner stated the current budget amount is \$1,000.00 for 2018.

SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT HRC MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Cleveland moved to adjourn. Second by Storm. The meeting ended at 3:19 p.m.