Members present: Bill May, Karen Mortimer, Lloyd Lacroix, Denise Maher, Paula Long Fox, Amy Sazue, Whitney Rencountre and Jessica Rogers
Absent: Cody Maynus
Also present: City Council Liaison Darla Drew, City Attorney Joel Landeen

1. **ADOPT AGENDA**
   Rogers moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of executive session. Second by May. Motion carried.

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

3. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**
   a. **City Council Report** was presented to City Council on 5/2. There will need to be a more comprehensive report provided to City Council at the July 18th meeting when new council members are in place. Mortimer would like help in preparing that report.

   b. **Dates to note**- Mortimer asked the commission to mark several dates on their calendars. She pointed out July 11th through the 13th Monument Health will have a traveling seminar on Lakota Health Disparities (first two days traveling and day three will be a meeting held in Rapid City). They have invited a representative from the HRC/MOA to be a part of this. Other dates Mortimer mentioned are discussed below under each event.

   c. **Update on Wotakuye Gluwasakapi (Strengthening Kinships)** This event will be held at Lakota Homes/Sioux Addition scheduled for May 12th -15th. Sazue reported that all of the financial costs have been met for the event and all commission members are invited.

   d. **Discretionary fund**-Discussed under Finance

   e. **Black Hills Playhouse**-A proposal from Black Hills Playhouse to sponsor a play coming up titled “The Mountaintop” that will be held June 3rd-June 12th was discussed.

   f. **Indian Education Celebration and honoring Dr. Simon** Sazue explained the Indian Education Celebration that will be held on May 19th at the Central High School gymnasium from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. She is asking for a monetary donation as an honorarium for an Elder to open the event and also to provide a thank you for Dr. Simon at her last board meeting on June 7-2022

4. **MOA UPDATE/PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Karen Mortimer
   President’s Report – A hard copy of the report was provided at the meeting and also emailed to commission members prior to the meeting. Mortimer expressed that there is interest in
creating trips to Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations. Rogers and Long Fox volunteered to help Mortimer in the planning process. Elevate may have some interest in partnering on this project.

Mortimer also pointed out the Elevate pilot project is getting close to being ready. They have now developed a model that is going to be working with both employers and employees. Employers will be offered 3 types of training: 1) Poverty 101, 2) A Panel providing information on hiring and retention, and 3) cultural awareness.

5. **HRC/MOA COORDINATOR Status** – Discussed in Executive Session

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   a. **Executive Committee (Karen Mortimer-chair)** covered in president’s report

   b. **Complaint Committee (Jessica Rogers-chair)**
   A Printed report was provided by Rogers. The complaint committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month via teleconference at 4:00PM. Rogers pointed out the need for electronic storage of documents for all members to access. Landeen will look into G-suite as a possible solution for this.

   c. **Marketing Committee (Denise Maher -chair)**
   Maher provided a brochure that introduces the commission. The website will be up by the end of the month in a basic form which will include a blog and a calendar of events. The complaint form is being processed and once it is complete, it will be a drop down item and once completed it will go to a specific email address that is yet to be determined. Next step is to set up an email address for this.

   d. **Finance/Fundraising Committee (Bill May-chair)**
   May provided a review of the financials. A fundraising brochure is being finalized. A budget will be provided in July for the rest of 2022.

   A discretionary fund was discussed and whether it should be a bylaw or a policy. Lacroix and Mortimer will check the by-laws and determine where it needs to be recorded.

   A motion was made by Rogers to authorize up to $500 to pay for an elder opening the Indian Education Celebration. Long Fox second. Motion carried unanimously.

   A motion was made by Long Fox to authorize up to $200 to honor Dr. Lori Simon Second by May. After further discussion an amended motion was made by Long Fox to authorize up to $400 to honor Dr. Lori Simon. Second by May. Motion carried unanimously.

   A motion was made by Sazue to sponsor a group of tickets for the Black Hills Playhouse event in the amount of $1,000.00 Second by Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

   A motion was made by Rogers to create a discretionary fund in the amount of $1,000.00 that the Executive Committee can dispense without the rest of the commission providing that there will be a follow up on how it should be documented. Second by Maher. Motion carried unanimously.

   e. **SDCF Grant – Immersion About Place (Karen Mortimer-chair)**
   Mortimer deferred this report and will email to commission
g. Community Learning Forums Committee (Paula Long Fox-chair)

Long Fox relayed that data from the last learning forum is being put together and will be shared with the commission once completed.

Rogers provided an overview of the upcoming learning forum that will be co-hosted with the Youth City Council on the RCAS School Board Race “The More YOU Know, the Better WE do” to be held at Western Dakota Tech Event Center on May 23rd from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Sazue said Colton Porter and Adrianna Jung will be co-moderators. The flyer for the event needs to be sent out as soon as possible.

7. LIAISON REPORT – Darla Drew

Drew made mention of Election Day coming up on June 7th and also asked the commission to be watching for the pop up library this summer.

8. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS -Discussed in Executive Session

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Lacroix, second by Rencountre to enter into executive session at 5:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lacroix, second by Rencountre to leave executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sazue, second by Mortimer and carried to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.