



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 6, 2016, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THIRD FLOOR

CSAC – WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

Members present by roll call: Susan Timmons, Lin Jennewein, Andy Ainslie, Jaqueline Gerry, Jamie Al-Haj, Merton B. Tice, Jr., and Mel Siyo

Absent: City Council Member Liaison Lisa Modrick

Also present: Assistant City Attorney Jess Rogers, and Legal Administrative Secretary, Jamie Anderson.

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

ADOPT AGENDA

Al-Haj moved to adopt the agenda. Second by Ainslie. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING

Al-Haj moved to approve the September 1, 2016 minutes. Second by Tice, Jr., Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Current Officers

Chair: Sue Timmons

Vice-Chair: Andy Ainslie

Administrative Officer: Jacqueline Gerry

Nominations

Chair nominations – Tice, Jr., nominated Ainslie, second by Al-Haj. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair nominations – Gerry nominated Al-Haj. Al-Haj nominated Gerry. Gerry respectfully declined. Siyo seconded Gerry's nomination of Al-Haj. Gerry moved nominations to cease. After further discussion Tice, Jr., moved to nominate Gerry as Vice-Chair. Al-Haj asked Gerry if she could bring the motion forward again, Gerry accepted. Al-Haj nominated Gerry as Vice-Chair. Second by Tice, Jr. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

Administrative Officer nominations – Timmons nominated Al-Haj. Second by Siyo. Motion carried.

Newly Elected Officers:

Chair: Andy Ainslie

Vice-Chair: Jacqueline Gerry

Administrative Officer: Jamie Al-Haj

Siyo arrived at 2:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Siyo attended the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting that was held on September 9, 2016 at the Public Safety Building. Ainslie and Tice, Jr., attended the CAC meeting that was held on September 27, 2016 in City Council Chambers. Ainslie reported the meeting was very well attended by the public and the CAC has some really good ideas in place. Timmons and Siyo attended the CAC meeting that was held on October 3, 2016 at Lakota Homes Community Center. Timmons mentioned that Vaughn Vargas discussed the number of positions that are needing recruitment, in order to reflect the population of the Native Americans in the police force. Vaughn Vargas intends to work with the Human Relations Commission to get input and advice on these issues. Al-Haj attended the joint press conference held on September 28, 2016 between the Sioux Falls and Rapid City police chiefs regarding the impact of methamphetamine use on individuals, families and communities. Al-Haj stated meth has become an impact across the state and the lack of treatment centers is causing hindrance on fighting this highly addictive drug.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND 2016 PLANNING

- a) Presentation Planning – No presentations were given in the month of September. Ainslie will email the PowerPoint out to the committee, he would like everyone to get familiarized with presenting the PowerPoint. Ainslie will be checking into a couple of government organizations to see if there are interests in presentations.

Gerry and Al-Haj will be attending the Native/Non-Native meeting being held at the Mother Butler Center on October 19, 2016.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

No appointment has been made for the open position on the Human Relations Commission. Timmons stated that all members still have to be present until the position has been filled.

CASE STATUS UPDATE – CITY ATTORNEY

Rogers reported there are two potential cases pending. The first case the complainant is currently working with the employer, it's possible the case may resolve on its own. The second case is an employment discrimination case that she is currently working on and does believe it will be a valid complaint.

LIAISON REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

Anderson stated the current budget amount is approximately \$340.22.

SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT HRC MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Gerry moved to adjourn. Second by Al-Haj. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 3:28 p.m.