Members present by roll call: Andy Ainslie, Merton B. Tice, Jr., Jamie Al-Haj and Mel Siyo, Diane Cleveland
Absent: Jacqueline Gerry, Lin Jennewein
Also present: Assistant City Attorney Jessica Rogers, City Council Liaison, Laura Armstrong, Administrative Secretary, Robin Garner, incoming Commission Member Shad Strom

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

ADOPT AGENDA
Al-Haj moved to adopt the agenda, second by Cleveland. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Introductions

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2017 MEETING
Al-Haj moved to approve the June 1, 2017 minutes. Second by Tice. Motion carried.

CASE STATUS UPDATE- CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Assistant City Attorney Jessica Rogers updated the commission on an employment complaint that is now signed and will be filed. There are no new complaints.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN AUGUST
Wasuyapi Team from Rapid City Community Conversations (Chas Jewett) has extended an invitation to the commission to attend one of their meetings to present our mission and explain how they can best present us to the community. Al Haj will inform them we would be glad to attend and ask for their meeting dates in September and October to determine our availability. Tice volunteered to speak and Al-Haj will check her calendar as well.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND 2017 PLANNING
a) Continued Discussion on School Outreach Project—Diane had a conference call with Dr. Matthew Seebaum, who was not previously aware of our commission. He expressed to Diane he was not entirely comfortable with what we are proposing until he has attended a meeting and asked some questions. He was extended an invitation to attend our meeting today but was not in attendance. The commission would like to explain our services and display a poster at the school but would like some input on targeting
specific age groups. Cleveland and Al-Haj will reach out to the school again and if no direction is received, the commission will move on to another area of focus.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE
They have not met.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS
a) Siyo was not able to reach out to Sioux San but will do so before our next meeting.

b) Tice spoke with Ms. Moran from the Sioux Falls Human Rights Commission. She shared a multitude of different programs they currently have in place and expressed interest in coming to speak to us. Some of the programs included a living library program, a “Compassion Sioux Falls” award, and a monthly spotlight on what is happening with human relations. Sioux Falls also has people share experiences/opinions on various issues on relations with others as well as having discussions on fair housing and speaking at churches/mosques and temples. Tice will extend an offer for Ms. Moran to come and speak and will forward the information he has received from her to Robin for distribution to the commission.

c) Cleveland asked Armstrong about the Mayor’s involvement and input he may have on the direction of the commission. Armstrong will extend an invitation for the Mayor to attend our meetings once a quarter if available.

LIAISON REPORT
Armstrong explained that a majority of the focus for the council has recently been on the budgets for this year.

BUDGET UPDATE
The Commission will put together an action plan for the 2018 budget with potential costs along with specific items. Armstrong asked the commission to consider what types of moneys we are needing, areas of focus and what population we are wanting to serve when putting together our plan. For example, are we speaking to a population we cannot serve?

Garner stated the current budget amount is approximately $986.00 with $250.00 allocated for the printing of brochures. Upcoming costs include a background check and the cost of the new complaint.

SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT HRC MEETING.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The election of officers will take place at this meeting.

ADJOURN
Al-Haj moved to adjourn. Second by Cleveland. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 2:48 p.m.