



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Minutes

October 9, 2012

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Darnel Frost.

Present:

Darnel Frost
Margaret Duwe
Genevieve Hodges
John Hoffmann
Ed Johnston
Romona Miller
Greta Moorhead
Tere Owens
Stacy Reliford

Absent:

None

City Council Liaison:

Council Member Bob Sears

Staff Liaison:

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown

Other:

Kathie Valentine, Administration Department

Visitors:

Pamela Blair, Jeffrey Blair, Pastor David Bennett, Bob Boyd, Drew Ehrhardt, Ron Hodges

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Maggie Duwe. Attendance is reflected above.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Tere Owens and seconded by Stacy Reliford to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Comments

Pastor Bennett reported that the advisory team had met with a Meacham Park resident and that home visits will continue.

Ron Hodges stated that the City of Kirkwood, based on good faith, will continue to do their part after the mediation agreement is completed.

Report of City Council Liaison

Council Member Sears reported that contrary to what was in the newspaper, a 1 cent residential property tax increase was agreed upon.

LGBT Ordinance

Darnel Frost, Maggie Duwe and Andrew Shaughnessey had met with John Hessel regarding the proposed ordinance.

- A draft ordinance amending various sections of the Code to include protections against discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity was distributed.
- On the last page of the proposed ordinance under Sec. 18-53, under Personnel Rules and Regulations, John Hessel had added reference to sexual orientation and gender identity but added “to the extent protected by state or federal law”, which resolved his legal concerns.
- Housing is enforced under HUD.
- John Hessel, Darnel Frost and Maggie Duwe will speak to the Council regarding his recommendations at the November 15 work session, with possibly first reading occurring that same night at the Council meeting. Andrew Shaughnessey will also attend the work session. The second reading would be on December 6.

After discussion, motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Ed Johnston recommending that John Hessel present the proposed LGBT ordinance to the City Council at the November 15 work session. All in favor, motion carried.

Symposium

Details of the October 13 symposium on bullying were discussed. Some items noted were:

- The facility is available at noon.
- Facilitators should arrive by 12:30.
- John Bradford will perform prior to the showing of the film.

Hands on Kirkwood

Commission members were reminded of the Hands on Kirkwood event on October 27.

Greenbriar Covenant

It was reported that the Trustees had met and now have the required three to make up their Board. They are aware of the situation and wish to find a solution. Jim Durbin has accepted the duty to see the matter through although he is not a trustee. He does live in the subdivision.

Next Meeting

Four offsite dates for meetings need to be finalized. A HRC work session will be held to establish dates prior to the November meeting.

The next regular meeting of the HRC will be held on November 13, 2012.

Annual Report

It is hoped that the annual report will be completed in time to be presented to the Council at the December 6 City Council meeting.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Romona Miller and seconded by Maggie Duwe to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Romona Miller, Secretary