



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes
December 11, 2012
6:30 p.m.

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

Present:

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

Absent:

None

City Council Liaison: Council Member Bob Sears - Absent

Staff Liaison: Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown

Other: Kathie Valentine, Administration Department

Visitors: None

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Romona Miller. Attendance is reflected above.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Darnel Frost and seconded by Maggie Duwe to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Comments

None.

Report of City Council Liaison

None.

Report of Staff Liaison – Mike Brown

The LGBT ordinance passed its first reading with a unanimous vote at the December 6 Council meeting. It is anticipated the ordinance will pass the final reading on December 20.

LGBT Ordinance

Darnel Frost and Maggie Duwe recently met with John Hessel in order to discuss steps for enforcement. They will meet with him again in January.

Essay Contest

The following essay question was chosen:

Fifty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his “I have a dream” speech. In it he outlined numerous challenges society needed to meet. Please read his speech and describe what challenges he described have been met in the past 50 years and which ones have not.”

- Essay information will be distributed to schools the first week of January with an essay due date of February 1.
- An event will be held at the Kirkwood Baptist Church on February 24 (if the church is available) with the following planned:
 - A speaker will read Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream” speech.
 - Singing of the choir
 - Essay contest winner to read their essay

Greenbriar Covenant

- The offensive language in the Greenbriar covenant has been removed.
- It was recommended that a link from the HRC website to the state statute prohibiting such language be added.

Accessible Parking at the Post Office

Efforts have been made to contact the post office regarding the status of accessibility improvements for the Kirkwood post office with no success. Efforts will continue. A step down curb has been added to the southwest corner of the building.

Awards and Recognitions

Tentative plans were made to annually accept nominations for an individual or group who have worked towards improving human rights issues in Kirkwood.

- An advertisement will be placed in the Webster Kirkwood Times asking for nominations.

- If available, the event will be held at the Kirkwood train station, tentatively in May.

Planning for 2013

A planning session of the HRC was scheduled for Monday, January 7.

Annual Report

The annual report will be given at the December 20 City Council meeting.

Mediation Agreement

The Commission again confirmed that the work in the Mediation Agreement is not ending and that the city has laid out accomplishments made. The Commission intends to review the agreement in order to confirm what areas they would like to further improve upon.

There was discussion that the DOJ had been contacted by the Meacham Park Neighborhood Association with Rita Valencio meeting with both the Association and City staff.

Stacy Reliford reminded the Commission that they were to provide a report on the implementation of the terms mediation agreement for a period of three years from the date of execution. It was the consensus of the Commission to attach the report provided by Mike Brown to their annual report which outlines accomplishments.

Upcoming Meetings

A planning work session of the Commission will be held on January 7, 2013.
The next regular meeting of the HRC will be held on January 8, 2013.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Stacy Reliford and seconded by Ed Johnston to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Romona Miller, Secretary