



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Minutes

December 9, 2014

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Maggie Duwe.

Present:

Bob Boyd
Margaret Duwe
Denis Hart
Ron Hodges
Jacob Fiene
Josh Lewis
Tere Owens

Absent:

Darnel Frost
Romona Miller

City Council Liaison:

Council Member Bob Sears - Absent

Staff Liaison:

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes

Other:

Kathie Valentine, Administration

Visitors:

Jeanine Owen, Jim Hammond

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with attendance reflected above.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Tere Owens and seconded by Maggie Duwe to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

City Council Liaison Report

None.

CAO Report

Russ Hawes advised that he had recently attended the Meacham Park Neighborhood Association Board meeting.

A Community Organizations and Resources page has been added to the city's website with links to various community organizations such as the Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Association.

Strategic Plan Reports

A.3 No revisions to the HRC brochure were recommended at this time.

B.2 The HRC was represented at the 3rd Annual Human Rights conference in Jefferson City. Information from the Missouri Commission on Human Rights was provided.

B.3 An art fair subcommittee meeting had been held with the Robinson Elementary principal and art teacher in attendance. It was noted that the St. Charles HRC had provided helpful information regarding their art fair. Another subcommittee meeting will soon be scheduled. The art fair contest will be for 5th graders only; a theme must be chosen; the Kirkwood Arts Commission will jury.

B.4 There was discussion that the HRC members do not have time to host mini town hall events. The CFUH may be a possible option for assistance.

B.5 After discussion, motion was made by Josh Lewis and seconded by Jacob Fiene to hold the essay contest in addition to the art fair. All in favor, motion carried. Noted: local businesses and/or organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, and the Chamber of Commerce may be contacted regarding prizes; the essay theme should be chosen by January.

B.6 Rev. Ella Jones is unable to attend a Kirkwood HRC meeting due to meeting schedule conflicts. Commission members were asked to forward speaker names to Darnel Frost.

C.2 Speakers are being invited to HRC meetings, and the art fair will be held, in lieu of holding a conference this year.

E.2 Darnel Frost has offered to prepare the HRC annual report.

It was noted that a meeting to review the HRC strategic plan should be set after the first of the year with Denis Hart will facilitating the meeting.

LGBT Ordinance/Flow Sheet

Maggie Duwe reported that the enforcement chart had been revised with copies being distributed. It is hoped that the subject will soon be placed on a City Council work session agenda. The previous flow chart went beyond the Commission's scope of authority.

Other

- Maggie Duwe had attended a meeting of the Ferguson Commission. Notes from the meeting were provided.
- Members of Kirkwood Neighbors United are making plans to assist in job placement through: identifying businesses, coaching, identifying candidates, providing clothing, etc.
- CFUH held a successful event (Forum on Race and Justice) on December 6 with over 100 people in attendance. The forum included dialogue, discussion groups, and a breakout session.
- The 2015 Diversity and Inclusion Summit will be held on February 27, 2015 in Kansas City. Tere Owens asked if the city would consider paying for transportation and hotel.
- Jacob Fiene advised that there had been a spike in the number of people following the HRC Facebook page and asked if any other members would like to have access to post information.
- Additional Neighborhood Care Alert forms have been forwarded to the Kirkwood Community Center. The forms are being utilized by the public.
- Trailnet will be meeting at Kirkwood City Hall on December 10 (walkways and bike paths).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Human Rights Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Denis Hart and seconded by Tere Owens to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Tere Owens, Secretary