

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**February 10, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Present:**

Bob Boyd  
Margaret Duwe  
Darnel Frost  
Josh Lewis  
Ron Hodges

**Absent:**

Denis Hart  
Romona Miller  
Tere Owens

**City Council Liaison:**

Council Member Bob Sears - Absent

**Staff Liaison:**

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes - Absent

**Other:**

Kathie Valentine, Administration

**Visitors:**

Tom Gaither-Ganim, Counselor Kirkwood High School  
Kirkwood High School Social Justice Committee – Logan Furey,  
Elspeth Furey, Addie Gaither-Ganim, Ashley Nicholas

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with attendance reflected above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Darnel Frost and seconded by Josh Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**City Council Liaison Report**

None.

## **Chief Administrative Officer Report**

None.

## **Visitor Comments**

Tom Gaither-Ganim, Counselor at Kirkwood High School, and members of the Kirkwood High School Social Justice Committee attended the meeting and proposed that a bridge be built over the railroad tracks at Fillmore and Rose Hill, which would allow for a safer and more convenient thoroughfare between the Meacham Park Neighborhood and Kirkwood.

Commission members suggested that the proposal be made part of the disability survey that is being sponsored by the Human Rights Commission and Kirkwood Neighbors United. They also invited the Social Justice Committee members to attend the next meeting of Kirkwood Neighbors United that is being held on February 25 at Eliot Chapel.

## **HRC Strategic Plan**

Discussion on the revised strategic plan was postponed to the March meeting.

### **C.2**

The Art Fair will be held on March 7 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Robinson Elementary School.

Help is needed on the evening of Friday, March 6, to hang the art work.

A meeting of the Alliance for Interracial Dignity is being held on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Hudson Elementary School. Information regarding the meeting was provided by Darnel Frost.

Emma DeLooze-Klein, Kirkwood Public Library, has invited the HRC to partner with the library regarding a film screening on March 14, at 2 p.m. of the documentary Alice's Ordinary People, a film that tells the story of the Chicago Civil Rights movement and Alice Tregay, a Chicagoan who stood up to injustice in her community.

### **D.1**

Upcoming meetings: HRC Regional meeting (February 22 at 3 p.m. at the St. Charles Police Department).

### **D.2**

It was recommended that Fred Falker provide training for the Commission.

F.1

Nothing to report.

G.1

Communication with the community is ongoing.

H.1

\$1,000 grant (Missouri Commission on Human Rights) - it was noted that not all funds were used.

### **HRC Vacancy**

It was suggested that a high school student be appointed to the HRC and that Romona Miller and/or Tom Gaither-Ganim could be contacted for student recommendations.

### **LGBT Enforcement**

Maggie Duwe reported that John Hessel is currently in the process of writing the LGBT enforcement ordinance.

### **Other**

Upcoming events: Black Rep Production of Anne & Emmett, February 16 at 7 p.m., Central Reform Congregation, 5020 Waterman, CFUH (trip to Memphis, TN – June 12 & 13 , visit the Civil Rights Museum and the Burkle Slave Haven Museum).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Human Rights Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Darnel Frost and seconded by Josh Lewis to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Tere Owens, Secretary