

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Minutes

May 12, 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
Denis Hart
Ron Hodges
Tere Owens

Absent:

Josh Lewis
Romona Miller

City Council Liaison:

Council Member Bob Sears - Absent

Staff Liaison:

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes - Absent

Other:

Kathie Valentine, Administration

Visitors:

City Council Member Paul Ward

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with attendance reflected above.

Visitor Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Denis Hart to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

City Council Liaison Report

None.

Chief Administrative Officer Report

None.

Strategic Plan Reports

A.1 – It is hoped that HRC Facebook and Twitter accounts can be better utilized when new Commission members are chosen.

A.2 – Beth von Behren should be contacted regarding the October utility billing insert.

B.1 – Denis Hart contacted Don Love, Chairman of the HRC Roundtable in Jefferson City, and advised that he would e-mail a copy of a Missouri vehicle stop report to the Commission.

B.2 – The Police Department will be providing a schedule of the Hot Dog Dayz events. It is anticipated that the Commission will again have materials available at the Greentree Festival in September, sharing an area of the city booth.

B.3 – Denis Hart intends to invite Ryan Spencer to an upcoming HRC meeting in order to update members on Envision Kirkwood 2035. He informed Commission members that dates for the Envision 2035 meetings can be found on the city's webpage. It was noted that Commission members are free to invite other groups to attend HRC meetings.

C.1 – The HRC Annual Report was written by Maggie Duwe and is ready for presentation to the City Council. The City Clerk will be contacted regarding setting a date for the presentation.

D.1 – It is anticipated that formal training for the HRC will be scheduled after the new members join the Commission.

D.2 – The HRC will continue to look for training opportunities.

E.1 – A draft of the 2015 First Quarter Report was distributed. It was suggested that the HRC Annual Report be added to the document.

City Council Member Paul Ward entered the meeting

Disability Survey

At this time 120 surveys have been submitted through the city's webpage, with an additional dozen or more by hard copy. Area churches have been or will be contacted in order to promote the survey. Denis Hart will be working with the St. Louis ARC on analysis of the surveys.

LGBT

Maggie Duwe reported that the ordinance had been written and that she believed Council Member Sears would be trying to schedule discussion on it an upcoming City Council Work Session agenda. Darnel Frost thanked Maggie for her work on the ordinance.

Commission Vacancies

It is hoped that the Mayor will make Commission appointments shortly.

Other

Ron Hodges spoke on the St. Louis County Housing Authority and issues with crime in HUD homes. It is hoped that the organization can find ways to better evaluate people before they move into the homes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Human Rights Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall.

Adjourn

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

Tere Owens, Secretary