

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**November 10, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Present:**

Robert Boyd  
Morris Fletcher  
Darnel Frost, Chair  
Denis Hart  
Ron Hodges  
Josh Lewis  
William Winter

**Absent:**

None

**City Council Liaison:**

Council Member Bob Sears - absent

**Other:**

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes  
Kathie Valentine, City of Kirkwood Administration Department  
Pastor David Bennett, Kirkwood United Methodist Church  
Mayor Art McDonnell  
Maggie Duwe  
Amanda Sher

**Roll Call**

Darnel Frost called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with attendance reflected above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Morris Fletcher and seconded by Denis Hart to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

**Additional Bus Service**

The city had been informed by Tom Williams, Superintendent at the Kirkwood School District, that they have created a new bus route to serve middle school students in Meacham Park which addresses some of the concerns with people crossing the railroad tracks in the area. William Winter was recognized for his work and persistence in getting this accomplished.

### **Commission Training**

Training for the Commission was facilitated by Pastor David Bennett with the intention of the training to clarify the role and the task of the HRC. Commission members were asked to comment on their views on the book "Community" by Peter Block. It was noted that it was the appropriate time to re-assess the HRC strategic plan.

The following handouts were distributed: Needed qualities to serve on the HRC, and The Life Cycle and Stages of Congregational Development.

### **Essay Contest**

Commission members were asked to e-mail their suggestion for the essay question to Darnel Frost, copying in Kathie Valentine.

### **Award Guideline Document**

Tabled until the December meeting.

### **Annual Report**

Denis Hart and Bob Boyd are compiling the 2015 annual report which will be presented at the December meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the HRC will be held on December 8, 2015.

### **Adjourn**

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

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Robert Boyd, Secretary