



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Call to Order

Chair Miriam Cummins called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Allyson Dean, Jamie Jones, Miriam Cummins, and Robyn Davis

Members absent: Greg Soriano (excused)

Business from the public

6:05 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of September 26, 2023, minutes

6:05 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Robyn Davis moved to approve the September 26, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Allyson Dean seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Chair and vice chair positions

6:06p.m.

The commission members will be considering if they would like to take on one of these positions. The elections will be held at next month's meeting after the City Council has ratified any appointments made for the commission's vacancies.

Annual Report

6:08p.m.

Staff liaison Kim Lyddane will connect with past commissioner Keith Kolkow for a template of the report.

Land acknowledgement recommendation to the City Council

6:09 p.m.

The group would like to move forward with this. Davis will research wording for the acknowledgement. The group would like the acknowledgement to be tied in with the Montieth Park renovation. Lyddane will check to see if that is possible. Davis and Lyddane will report back their findings to the group.

HRC name change recommendations

6:15 p.m.

The group narrowed down the name suggestions to two options: the Human Rights Commission or the Albany Equity and Inclusion Commission. Davis, Dean, and Cummins will be a part of a subcommittee to create a memo to present to the council that would articulate why the group wants to change the name and what their goal is in doing that. Davis will arrange a Zoom meeting for the subcommittee. The commissioner members will reach out to their respective councilors to get their sentiments on the commission changing its name. Lyddane volunteered to join in on the subcommittee meeting to provide assistance if needed.

Event debriefs and potential event involvement

6:36 p.m.

The group requested that the Police Department's Diversity Advisory Team meetings be added to the HRC calendar. Davis volunteered to attend the meetings as a representative of the HRC. The group would also like to have representation at the Hispanic Advisory Committee and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meetings and at other events that are on the HRC calendar. Cummins will create a monthly sign-up sheet for the commissioners to indicate which event they will attend.

Business from the commission

6:43 p.m.

Davis encouraged the group to review the Community Development Block Grant funding process on the City's website and offer their input on where the funding is most needed.

Commissioner Jamie Jones asked about the status of the Anti-Defamation League providing training to the city council. Lyddane will check on the status and report back to the group.

Cummins informed the group of a vacancy on the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District Board for Zone 3 and encouraged them to pass on the word to anyone who would be interested in applying. She will send staff the position information to pass on to the group.

Jones asked what the date was for Linn Benton Community College's Unity Celebration, which is on the HRC's event calendar and is normally the last week in February or the first week in March. Dean will investigate it and report back to the group.

Staff will email an updated HRC roster to the commissioners.

Staff updates

There were no updates at this time.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Cummins adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gina Burrese
Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Staff Liaison