

Human Relations Commission Zoom Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Jessica Embury. Roll Call was not taken due to not initially having a quorum.

Members Present: Jessica Embury, Miriam Brown Dorsey, James Johnson, Jr., Cheryl Ragland
Krissy Kerwin and Maurice Imhoff joined the meeting at a later date.

Members Absent: Karyl Baker (excused). Robert VanSumeren (excused).

Ex Officio Present: Lane Lewis.

Ex Officio Absent: Kelly Sharrer (excused).

Adoption of the Agenda: NA

Citizens Comment: NA

Guest: NA

- Approval of Minutes: No meeting minutes were provided due to the resignation of Suzanne Mure.

Community Liaison Police Officer: NA

The motion to have Shalonda Hunt become a full HRC Commissioner was made by Lane and seconded by Miriam. The motion passed unanimously and will be presented to City Council for approval on July 14, 2020.

John Willis gave an update on the City of Jackson's pandemic status. On July 20, 2020 employees will be allowed back into the building.

John Willis discussed the social issues in the nation and the creation of a statement from the Human Relations Commission. A committee was formed which included Cheryl, Lane, and Miriam. The committee will have a final draft for the Commissioners to review and approve for the July meeting. Pending that action John Willis will present it to the City Council for final approval.

John Willis discussed the designated role for the HRC from City Council's resolution of racism as a public health issue. The directive for the HRC is to be actively engaging with the community in conversations about the inequalities and inequities that are in the Jackson community and providing resolutions to the City Council.

Miriam suggested to form a community oversight committee for policing. She will contact Dwight Wilson for more information and present it at the July meeting. The motion to create a committee from the HRC for public policing oversight was made by Maurice and seconded by James. The motion was re-worded by Cheryl to say: to create an investigative committee for the 'community oversight for policing' for the City of Jackson. The motion was seconded by Maurice. The motion passed unanimously. The members will be: Miriam, Cheryl, James, Lane, Maurice and Krissy. The motion to have these six members be a part of the committee was made by Miriam and seconded by Cheryl. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Miriam to have Cheryl fill in as Secretary until the next election cycle in December. The motion was seconded by Krissy and passed unanimously.

Jessica Embury offered her resignation and stated she would provide a formal letter to John Willis.

Lane discussed the dispute resolution training course that will be held via Zoom. The course is 40 hours and she will provide more information for those that may be interested.

Committee Reports:

- Events/Public Relations:
- NA

Harold White:

This event has been postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19.

Nominating Committee:

Discussion of the Shalonda Hunt application for the open Ex-Officio position.

Public Policy & Complaint Committee:

NA

Project Development Committee:

NA

Old Business:

Shalonda Hunt Application

New Business:

NA

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Ragland