

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020
City Hall
161 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jessica Embury followed by Roll Call by S. Mure.

Members Present: Karyl Baker, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Jessica Embury, Maurice Imhoff, Suzanne Mure, Cheryl Ragland, and Robert VanSumeren.

Members Absent: Krissy Kerwin (excused), James Johnson Jr. (excused).

Ex Officio Present: Lane Lewis.

Ex Officio Absent: Kelly Sharrer (excused).

Staff: John Willis. Arlene Robinson appointed to HRC as City Council Liaison.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by C. Ragland. Motion carried with amendments.

Citizens Comment:

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Jessica Embury
Vice Chairman: Cheryl Ragland
Secretary: Suzanne Mure

The motion to have J. Willis to lead the elections made and passed.

Chairman: Nomination for J. Johnson Jr. made by M. Brown Dorsey and 2nd by M. Imhoff. 2nd nomination made for J. Embury made by S. Mure and 2nd by C. Ragland. Votes were 6 for J. Embury and 1 for J. Johnson Jr. J. Embury is Chair.

Vice Chairman: Nomination for C. Ragland made by S. Mure and 2nd by M. Brown Dorsey. Vote was unanimous. C. Ragland is Vice Chair.

Secretary: Nomination for M. Brown Dorsey made by C. Ragland. M. Brown Dorsey declined. Nomination for S. Mure made by C. Ragland and 2nd by R. VanSumeren. Vote was unanimous. S. Mure is Secretary.

J. Willis returned the gavel to J. Embury.

Citizens Comment: None

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for December 2019 meeting minutes. Motion made by M. Brown Dorsey and 2nd by K. Baker. Motion carried with amendments.

Community Liaison Police Officer: Director Hitt reported on the New Year including shifts. Crime stats are on the web. Crimes: Part 1 (Capital crimes) are down. Part 2 (Other crimes including DUI) are also down. HR posted 1 open position for Police Cadet to be filled. Ads for the Citizen's Police Academy are coming that will be in partnership with the Sheriff's department. The Reserve Academy application is being worked on. On January 25th, the Polar Plunge at Clark Lake will take place to raise monies for Special Olympics.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations: An option was given to move the Back to School Event to the Center for Family Health with a time to be held between 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. With discussions of the changes offered for the event to expand its resources, a motion was made by S. Mure to have J. Embury go back to the partners and discuss removing a requirement that would impede the HRC's mission and come back to the commission for further discussion on a resolution, was 2nd by K. Baker. The motion carried.

Harold White: Nothing at this time. A meeting is set for the 1st of February.

Nominating Committee: We have not received any application for the open Ex-Officio position.

Public Policy & Complaint Committee: J. Willis to provide information the new members on the complaints and the issues that were tabled at the December 2019 meeting.

Project Development Committee: C. Ragland has reported on creation of a timeline for the schools to have. She will be meeting with the councilors and will follow up on a report, then will be getting the contact information to the schools to reach the HRC and city. The goal is to have the Youth Council up and running by April 2020.

Old Business:

**Removed from agenda **

New Business:

2020 Committee selections:

Events-J. Embury, S. Mure, K. Kerwin and M. Imhoff.

Complaint Committee- M. Brown Dorsey, K. Baker, J. Johnson Jr., L. Lewis and R. VanSumeren.

Project Development – C. Ragland, M. Imhoff and L. Lewis.

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Nomination Committee- S. Mure, J. Embury M. Brown Dorsey, L. Lewis.

Added Going to public events, ward meetings.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by M. Brown Dorsey and 2nd by S. Mure. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne Mure".

Suzanne Mure
Secretary