

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019
City Hall
161 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201

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

Members Present: Miriam Brown Dorsey, Jessica Embury, John Hawthorne, James Johnson Jr., Julia Josling, Melissa Morse, Suzanne Mure, Cheryl Ragland.

Members Absent: None

Ex Officio Present: Krissy Kerwin

Ex Officio Absent: None.

Staff: John Willis.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by J. Johnson Jr. Motion carried with additions.

Citizen Comment: None

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for January 16, 2019 regular meeting made by J. Embury, 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

Community Liaison Police Officer: Sgt. Garcia reported on the Reserve Police Program. Citizen Police Academy, applications to be accepted thru April 1st. Three cadet positions looking to fill posting in the next couple of weeks and hope to have in place by July. Staffing now at 48 officers including a conditional offer made and accepted. Body cameras and in car cameras now working. Looking to have the four officers on administrative leave, three next week, and fourth the week after. Discussion about going to the job fairs and options and offers available for future interest in law enforcement.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations:

Focus on Harold White Breakfast and moving forward with ads and applications. Date set would be October 2019. Met on the Back to School and looking to change the name to include Community Resource Fair. Date set for August 16, 2019 from 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Expungement Fair:

Flier with dates has been sent out and if interested will decide on if going forward with the fair. If interested will set up a training session also. Nominating Committee: Motion to nominate Krissy Kerwin to be recommended to the Mayor's Office for HRC Commissioner. Motion made by J. Josling, 2nd by C. Ragland. Motion carried. Dialog with the committee for the Ex-Officio and outreach to fill positions working on logistics and looking for a plan to be presented in March.

Policy Committee: None.

Project Committee: Youth Council applications, and flyer good to go. The Grant Deadline for letter of intent is August 6, 2019. Motion for HRC Jackson City application be approved by commission pending City Manager's final approval. Motion by C. Ragland, 2nd by M. Morse. Motion carried. Motion to approve draft of a part time Youth Council Advisor job description pending HRC and City Manager approval. Motion made by J Johnson Jr, 2nd by M. Brown Dorsey. Motion carried. Motion to authorize use of \$2500 grant funds for start- up expenses for the Youth Council. Motion made by M. Morse, 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

Diversity Project: Report on the city residents and employees census. M. Brown Dorsey presented the results. Motion made to receive with accommodations and submit to the City Manager the report on Race and Ethnicity. Motion made by M. Morse, 2nd by J. Josling.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning: Not able to meet with the non-profit and request J. Willis to schedule and also schedule for year 2020 with funding.

New Business:

2019 Committee Selection. Email to be sent out with current assignments and google doc to add members . Motion made to table the 2019 committee selection to the March meeting. Motion made by J. Josling, 2nd by J. Johnson Jr. Motion carried.

2018 Annual Report. Motion to table the 2018 HRC Annual report to the March meeting. Motion made by M. Morse, 2nd by J. Johnson Jr. Motion carried.

MLK Street Renaming: Resolution on the MLK Street Renaming, resolution read. Motion to place on file the HRC resolution for the MLK street naming and present to City Council. Motion made by J. Josling, 2nd by J. Johnson Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.

Mayor and State of the City. Chairman Hawthorne discussed parts of the Mayor's speech that fall under our charge. Discussion including empowering neighborhoods and neighborhood associations.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by M. Morse 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Suzanne Mure
Secretary