

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Proposed Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2018

City Hall

161 W. Michigan Avenue

Jackson, MI 49201

Members Present: Miriam Brown Dorsey, Valerie Cochran-Toops, Rev. John Clemons, Jessica Embury, John Hawthorne, Suzanne Mure

Members Absent: Chair Alice Lewis (excused), Russell Jennings (excused), Melissa Morse (excused)

Ex Officio: Cheryl Lynn Ragland, Krissy Kerwin, James Johnson Jr. (excused)

Also Present: Staff John Willis, Councilmember Freddie Dancy

I. Call to Order:

Vice Chairwoman Jessica Embury called to order meeting at 5:15 p.m. (2nd Floor). John Hawthorne made motion to move to a special meeting for strategic planning. John Clemmons support. Motion carried.

II. Roll Call.

Miriam Brown Dorsey, Valerie Cochran Toops, John Clemons, Jessica Embury, John Hawthorne,

III. Adjourn to Special Meeting (10th floor)

IV. Call to Order:

Vice Chair Jessica Embury called return to the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (2nd Floor). Miriam Brown Dorsey made motion to delay Committee assignments to remove item XII. a., and to add it on the next meeting agenda. Suzanne Mure supported. No discussion. Motion Carried.

V. Citizens Comment: None

VI. Guest: None

VII. Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from March 21, 2018 without corrections made by John Hawthorne. Suzanne Mure supported. No discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. Community Liaison Police Officer:

Lt. Sergio Garcia, Jackson Police Department, gave an update about the Police Department staffing, which has five open vacancies. He announced hiring for open positions. Cadet position is also currently available and there are discussions on expanding the program. Lt. Garcia answered various questions from the HRC.

IX. Committee Reports:

- a. **Events Committee:** None
- b. **Public Relations Committee:** None

X. Old Business: Discussion on public comment forms.

XI. New Business:

- a. 2018 Committee selection. John Hawthorne moved by amendment to the agenda to delay Committee selections to next regular meeting. John Clemons supported. No discussion. Motion Carried.

XII. Commissioners Comments:

Miriam Brown Dorsey, Sue Mure, Jessica Embury, Melissa Morse, John Clemons, John Hawthorne offered comments, Val Cochran-Toops had no comment and ex-officio's Cheryl Lynn Ragland & Krissy Kerwin offered comments.

Motion made by Miriam Brown Dorsey to return to strategic planning at 6:45 p.m. John Clemons supported. Motion Carried.

XIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Miriam Brown Dorsey at 7:52 p.m. (2nd Floor) Supported by John Clemons. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Cochran Toops

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Also Present: Staff John Willis, Councilman Freddy Dancy, Mayor Derek Dobies & City Manager Patrick Burtch

I. Call to Order: Vice Chairwoman Jessica Embury started meeting at 5:20 p.m. (2nd Floor City Hall) John Hawthorne made a motion to move to a special meeting for strategic planning. John Clemmons supported. Motion carried.

II. Roll Call.
Secretary Toops took the roll call.

III. Adjourn to Special Meeting (10th Floor)

IV. Strategic Planning Meeting.

A Strategic Planning meeting was held. The HRC reviewed a list of suggested goals for the HRC and decided to create the following committees:

Policy/Complaint Committee

Hate Crimes

Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Diversity Plan

Events/Public Relations Committee

Harold White Memorial Breakfast

Community Picnic

MLK Breakfast

Nominating Committee

Development Committee

Teresa Delph Oratorical Committee

V. Return to Regular Meeting:

Return to regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made by Miriam Brown Dorsey to return to the Strategic Planning Session at 6:45 p.m. John Clemons supported the motion the motion carried.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Miriam Brown Dorsey at 7:52 p.m. (2nd Floor). Supported by John Clemons. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Proposed Public Forum Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2018

M. L. King Jr. Community Center

1107 Adrian

Jackson, MI 49203

Members Present: Chair Alice Lewis, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Valerie Cochran-Toops, Rev. John Clemons, Jessica Embury, Melissa Morse, John Hawthorne, Suzanne Mure, Russell Jennings

Members Absent: None

Ex Officio: Krissy Kerwin, Cheryl Lynn Ragland (excused), James Johnson Jr. (excused)

Also Present: Staff John Willis

I. Call to Order:

Chairwoman Alice Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center (Gymnasium). The purpose of this public hearing was to welcome comments from the public on the conduct of Sheriff Steven Rand. The City of Jackson Human Relations Commission and those in attendance heard public comments from all persons regardless of where they stood on this issue.

John Clemons made motion to open the public forum regarding the conduct of Sheriff Steven Rand. Jessica Embury supported. No discussion. Motion carried.

II. Roll Call:

Chair Alice Lewis, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Valerie Cochran-Toops, Rev. John Clemons, Jessica Embury, Melissa Morse, John Hawthorne, Suzanne Mure, Russell Jennings, ex-officio Krissy Kerwin

III. Open Public Forum.

Citizen comments were heard.

IV. Motion to Close Public Forum:

Motion to close the public forum was made by John Clemons at 8:30 p.m. Jessica Embury supported. Motion carried.

V. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Mure at 8:30 p.m. John Hawthorne supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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