

Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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, Suzanne Mure, Cheryl Ragland.

Members Absent: James Johnson Jr. (excused), Julia Josling (excused), Krissy Kerwin (excused), Melissa Morse (absent).

Ex Officio Present: None.

Ex Officio Absent: None.

Staff: John Willis.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by S. Mure, 2nd by M. Brown Dorsey. Motion carried as amended.

Citizen Comment: Karol Baker from Pride Center, Parrish Stahl.

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for March 27, 2019 regular meeting made by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried.

Community Liaison Police Officer: Sgt. Garcia notified that the officers from January 28, 2019 shooting have been cleared. Career center partner with short term interns program along with 2 interns from Ferris State, 1 for 60 hours and 1 for 120 hours for the interns starting in May. Two officers sent for train the trainers for fair and partial policing. Department training to start in June. They will follow up with the entire department with their findings. Two cadet program applications are open until the end of the month.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations: Discussion on promotional items. Juneteenth and HRC will have a booth/table and will be held on June 15th from 2 p.m. -9:30 p.m. HRC will also have a booth/table at the

2019 Price festival on August 24th all day and our Back to School/ Community Resource Fair on August 16th from 3 p.m. -7 p.m. We will be branding with the city to assist with HRC branding, what we are, Facebook, social media and more. J. Embury made a motion to request an increase of \$500 for the Back to School/ Community Resource Fair, 2nd by M. Brown Dorsey. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee: Has not met yet and advertising with forms to be sent out.

Policy Committee: None.

Project Committee: C. Ragland Youth Council: Will be attending the superintendents meeting that will take place on Thursday 4/25/19 and will follow up in May meeting. Spoke to A. Lewis on the Theresa Delph Oratorical contest. No changes to be made but will continue to partner with HRC and will come to the August meeting to plan and get information out by October to the schools. Status on the Youth Council job description/ application has not been approved as of yet. A city email is in progress for HRC.

Diversity Project:

Old Business: Chairman Hawthorne gave an overall to the audience of the strategic meeting HRC held. Reminder to schedule strategic planning meeting for HRC for year of 2020. Date to be determined. J. Willis will send calendar options for dates for the meeting.

New Business:

- A. Plans for Reading discussion. Read White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh. Discussion to take place on May 15, 2019. Motion made for the article provided by M. Brown Dorsey to be sent and placed in the Blaze. Motion made by J. Embury to authorize the article by M. Brown Dorsey to be placed in the Blaze paper pending City administrator approval. 2nd by S. Mure. Motion carried. M. Brown Dorsey will send ahead questions to be provided prior to the meeting for discussion. This will be held in the chambers at City Hall at 5:30p.
- B. Removed.
- C. Addressing Public Groups. Discussions held on Service Projects, news, JTV. Time will be scheduled for appearances on JTV. Discussion also held on commissioners to be present at public groups/activities and encourage participation.
- D. Discussion of Equity Award moved to May meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by M. Brown Dorsey 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried.