

Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 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, Melissa Morse, and Krissy Kerwin.

Members Absent: James Johnson Jr. (excused), Julia Josling (excused), Cheryl Ragland (excused).

Ex Officio Present: None.

Ex Officio Absent: None.

Staff: John Willis.

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

Citizen Comment: None

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for April 17, 2019 regular meeting made by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried as amended.

Community Liaison Police Officer: Sgt. Garcia reported on Dila event that seven young men had graduated and the parents stated that they would like to see this happen again. Currently the Mila for young woman is in process. There were two officers present at the Juneteenth event. The Citizen Police Academy has just finished successfully. Civil Rights Night held at the King Center in May 23rd and a civil rights representative available 1st Tuesday of the month at 211 Ganson. City Council gave full support for the (GVI) Gun Violence Initiative. Sgt. Garcia offered to provide stats on gun violence in the city.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations: Back to School event currently has 17 vendors and the goal is 50. Promoting on JTV, 211, Radio. Current monies are at \$5,591.00 that covers expenses. The Goal is for 1000 book bags. Currently need to raise \$892.00. Currently need Hair dressers/Barbers and we do have funds for

stipends for \$20 gift cards per hour. The order for the book bags has been forwarded and approved by City Manager. The Food Bank gave 180 Backpacks.

Harold White: J. Embury started the discussion on the change to this event. Providing up to three awards; Volunteer, Diversity, Inclusion. J. Embury made the motion to change the name of the event from the Harold White Sr. Memorial Volunteer Award to Harold White Sr. Memorial , Diversity, Inclusion and Volunteer Awards Breakfast. Motion 2nd by M. Morse. Motion carried. Motion made by J. Embury to approve contract as presented with Cascades Manor for the Harold White Breakfast, authorizing the amount of up to \$2,000.00 and authorizing the deposit of \$175.00 to be made. The motion was 2nd by M. Morse. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee: There has been no response to the Ex-Officio positions that are currently open.

Policy Committee: HRC received one complaint regarding housing and landlord disputes. With further discussion on this incident and outreach, this issue has been suspended for future discussion.

Project Committee: Progress report has been provided along with the flyer. The flyer needs modification by adding the HRC logo. We are still waiting on approval from the City Manager on the application and job description.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Michigan State Police Youth Developing Young Leaders of America Academy are asking for a Sponsorship of \$1200.00. This could not be done thru HRC. Will look at for 2020 Budget for possible sponsorship.
- B. Harold White. Already discussed.
- C. A Doodle calendar request to be sent out for 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting to be scheduled.

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