

Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019

City Hall

161 W. Michigan Ave.

Jackson, MI 49201

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

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

Members Absent: Melisa Morse (excused), Krissy Kerwin (excused).

Ex Officio Present: None.

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Staff: John Willis.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by J Josling. Motion carried as amended.
Citizen Comment: Karol Baker from the Pride Center to present upcoming events to be held including Attorney General Nessel who will be the Grand Marshall for the Pride Parade.

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: None. Minutes to be approved with the July meeting minutes at the August meeting to ensure the secretary's signature has been applied.

Community Liaison Police Officer: Sgt. Garcia reported that on May 30th the Reserve Officer program graduated 14 reserve officers. Citizens Police Academy graduated June 12th. Woman's youth program with a mentor and graduation in Jackson on June 20th. On July 16th Officer Johnson attended the Get Real Program. Approximately 50 kids participated at the forum with many questions asked and answered of the police. It was a great experience. There is an in service training for the diverse childhood experiences and managing mental health crisis held in May. July 11 homicide is currently under investigation.

*M. Brown Dorsey read to the chair from Robert's Rules and made the motion to ensure a signature is on the minutes before approval of the minutes are voted on monthly. 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations: Back to School event minutes will be provided. Currently over \$9000 has been raised with grants and partnerships. We currently have the full 1000 backpacks and have arrived. Additional items will arrive next week. Discussion to have more specific details about this event to be in the annual report with specifics of budget, grants, partnerships and donations.

Harold White: The plaques from the 2018 Harold White Sr. Memorial Breakfast will be added to the monument at 2:30p prior to the Back to School event. Cascades have been secured and now we need to start acquiring sponsors for the program. The event will be held on October 9 at 7:30a. Discussions on guest speakers and the deadline are to be August 21st. 1 nomination has come in so far and the goal is to have 1 nomination for each category.

Nominating Committee: No press release has been done for the Ex-Officio position and will need to be written up.

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: C. Ragland reported that she had meet with the Super indents and principles and now will meet with the councilors with a date to be determined and at the time, the flyers should be ready. A 4 hour seminar created for the youth. August 26th the Letter of Intent deadline needs to be met. The Part time position has still not been approved. J. Willis stated may have a person to fill the position. The position is to be paid out of the grant being \$2800. Motion made by C. Ragland to authorize the Letter of Intent to be prepared and submitted to the Community Foundation with final approval of the letter language by the commission, 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Mila still looking for a sponsorship held from the June meeting.
Strategic Plan reported the status on the Swag for HRC is about 3 weeks out, the tent, table; throw and more should be in by the 1st week of August. The shirts have not been ordered as of yet. Media was discussed with Aaron Dimick and more follow up to be done with issues not being covered.
Community Discussions held bi-monthly going forward and have several options ready to go. Will be getting back on track. J. Willis will check on the Blazer articles and when they will appear in the paper. J. Johnson Jr. have the presentation for the August meeting. Further discussion for dates, times and locations for future discussions. J. Hawthorne made a motion to amend the Strategic Plan of 2019 to reflect the bi-monthly review of education of the HRC on critical issues "ISMS" to be held at the end of the HRC meeting. 2nd by C. Ragland. Motion carried.

New Business:

Review of the complaint received by the commission. The motion was made by C. Ragland to submit to the HRC Complaint Committee for review and recommendations to be brought back to the commission for the August 2019 meeting. Motion 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Suzanne Mure
Secretary