



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers.
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201.

- I. Call to Order. 6:01
- II. Roll Call. Robert W. VanSumeren. Miriam Brown Dorsey, Shalanda Hunt. Cheryl Ragland (Chair). Doria LaPorte. Amy Rich. John Willis and Councilperson Robinson, present. Absent: James Johnson, Jr.; Latrivia Guinn.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda, as Amended. Motion to adopt, VanSumeren. Second, Brown. Unanimously Passed.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit). One citizen comment: Michael Young expressed support for Kesha Hamilton's DEI efforts in the Jackson Public School District.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve, as amended, VanSumeren. Second, Hunt. Unanimously passed.
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. No report this month.
- VII. Committee Reports. (Committee Assignments, Appendix A)
 - Nominating Committee. See below.
 - Project Development Committee. Nothing at this time.
 - Policy and Complaint Committee. None.
 - Public Relations/Communications Committee. See below.
 - Public Events. Nothing to report.
- VIII. Old Business.
 - a. Future Applicant Interviews - Update. Once Chairman Johnson, returns, the committee will advance several applicants.
- IX. New Business.
 - a. Welcome to the new commissioner, Amy Rich. New commissioner offers a self-introduction.

- b. Civil Rights Conference will be held in July, 2023, Florida. Several commissioners plan to attend.
 - c. Mental Health / Homelessness. City would like HRC to begin to think about how to address homelessness and mental health. Report by John Willis.
 - d. Juneteenth. Dorsey will be the point person.
 - e. Sizes for Jackets/Shirts. Hunt will send out information gathering email about sizes. Sanmar.com, for information on shirt/clothing styles.
 - f. Harold White Breakfast. Discussion on moving the date. The family needs to be contacted before HRC decides to move breakfast. Ragland will contact family.
 - g. Name Plates in Blackman Park. Need to arrange a time to mount the name plates. Harold White Awardees, Motion to set the date as May 19, 2023, noon (approximately), VanSumeren. Second, Hunt. Unanimously passed.
 - h. Mediation training with Southeastern Dispute Resolutions Services. Mark Stanley. Ragland will contact Stanley.
 - i. Community Housing. HRC to explore role in putting on a community forum to let public know about MSHDA path to home ownership.
- X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Councilperson Robinson speaks, welcomes new commissioner.
- XI. Commissioner's Comments.
- XII. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 7:10, Dorsey. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted from my notes,
Robert W. VanSumeren
Secretary, HRC

Committee Assignments: Appendix A

- o Nominating Committee: Hunt (chair), Johnson, Dorsey
- o Project Development: Ragland (chair), Johnson
- o Policy & Complaint: VanSumeren (chair), Hunt, Dorsey
- o Public Events: Hunt, Dorsey, Ragland
 - Harold White Breakfast: Ragland (chair)

- o Finance: VanSumeren (chair), Hunt