



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order: 6:02pm.
- II. Roll Call: Present were: Shalanda Hunt, Cheryl Ragland, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Robert VanSumeren, Amy Rich. Absent: Maurice Imhoff, James Johnson, Jr. (excused), Latrivia Guinn. Also present: Doria LaPorte and Councilperson Robinson.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. VanSumeren motion, Hunt, support. Unanimous adoption of agenda.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit). None.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Amend section VII, change "trainor" to "trainee." Motion to approve as amended, Hunt. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimous.

Approval of Strategic Meeting Minutes. Amended to show Amy Rich as present for strategic meeting. Motion to approve, Dorsey. Support, Hunt. Unanimous passage.

- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. Not available this month. Ragland reports that interviewing is occurring for Police Officer positions. There is a \$10k bonus for new hires.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee report presented, dated June 19, 2023. Committee recommends the following people for positions: Barbara Holt, Maurice Imhoff, Jha Bikash. Council appointed Imhoff. The nominating committee responded to all applicants. Of those who responded, all were interviewed, or scheduled for interviews.

Motion to recommend Barbara Holt and Bikash Jha as full HRC Commissioners, VanSumeren. Second, Hunt. Unanimous.

- Project Development Committee. See below.
- Policy and Complaint Committee. No complaints at this time.
- Public Relations/Communications Committee. See below.

- Public Events. See below.
- VIII. Old Business.
- Strategic Planning Session.
 - Harold White Breakfast. Need to choose a date, September 20, 2023, morning. Motion to hold HWB on September 20, 2023, 7:30-8:30, at King Center, if available. Motion, Hunt. Support, VanSumeren. Unanimous.
 - Anjalita (Spelling) Gunn, Ward 3 will be approached for an HRC meeting in August 16, 2023, motion, VanSumeren. Second, Hunt. Unanimous.
 - Membership. Ragland reports that Guinn has resigned. Johnson can confirm at next meeting. HRC still needs three Ex Officios.
 - HRC Apparel Order. Motion to empower Commissioner Hunt to make executive decision about apparel, to choose jacket and polo, VanSumeren. Second, Dorsey. Unanimous.
 - HRC Housing Forum(s). Tabled for now.
 - Mediation Training. Ragland will approach Southeast Dispute Resolution about options.
- IX. New Business.
- X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Ms. Robinson shares update on City Council meeting. More work to be done on the MLK trail. Council kicked off the homelessness project.
- XI. Commissioner's Comments. Adjournment, motion, 7:13, Dorsey. Second, Hunt. Unanimous.

These meeting minutes respectfully submitted from my notes.

Robert W. VanSumeren, Secretary
Human Relations Commission