



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order. 6:02pm.
- II. Roll Call. Present: James Johnson, Jr., Shalanda Hunt, Cheryl Ragland, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Robert VanSumeren, Amy Rich, Maurice Imhoff. Absent: Latrivia Guinn. Also present: Doria LaPorte and Vice Mayor Robinson.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to adopt, Johnson, Jr. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously passed.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit).
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Dorsey, motion to adopt as amended. Hunt, second. Unanimously passed.
- VI. Latrivia Guinn. Chairman Johnson read resignation letter from Latrivia Guinn. Motion to accept resignation, Hunt. Second, Dorsey. Unanimously passed.
- VII. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. No report this week.
- VIII. Marc Stanley. Mr. Stanley last interacted with HRC, in terms of training, around 2016/2017. SEDR and Mr. Willis have discussed greater collaboration between the groups. The standard training is 40 hours. Must be 40 hours within a 21 day period. Maybe, restorative justice is a better way to go. It would be less of a time commitment (30 hrs.).
- IX. Committee Reports.
 - a. Nominating Committee. Two interviewees need to be approved by Council; pending. Motion to recommend applicants Barbara Holt and Bikash Jha, VanSumeren. Second, Ragland. Unanimously passed.

- b. Project Development Committee.
 - i. Harold White Breakfast. Date Wednesday, September 27, 2023. 7:30-8:30am. Estimated cost: \$3500 - \$4000, plan for 60-85 people. Program outline: Mission/vision, history of HRC, discussion of first commissioner, then highlights from the decades. Intro to current HRC commissioners. Friday September 1st, deadline for submissions of awards. Kennikakes, approx. \$1500 to cater. For Harold White Breakfast, \$1700-\$2500 for decorations, Worthy Occasions. Chelsea Cakes: \$200 for 60, \$280 for 84 cupcakes. Big Guy Catering cannot do the event. Location: MLK Center. LaPorte gives brief by J. Willis: recommend that HRC release forms to public by July 28. Seek to have them returned by August 15, 2023. Motion release applications according to John's timeline, Imhoff. Second, Hunt. Unanimously passed.
 - ii. National Night Out. August 1, 6-8. Loomis Park. Motion to have HRC participation, Ragland, Second Dorsey. Unanimously passed. Rich and Dorsey will sit at the table.
- c. Policy and Complaint Committee. No update.
- d. Public Relations/Communications Committee. No update.
- e. Public Events. No report. (See above.)

X. Old Business.

- a. HRC Apparel Order. Hunt will place an order.
- b. HRC Housing Forum(s). No update.
- c. Mediation Training. See above. Marc. Stanley reported on training options.

XI. New Business.

- a. Letter from Adrian HRC. Johnson reads a letter from the Adrian HRC. VanSumeren, motion to write letter. Second, Hunt. Unanimous. VanSumeren will draft letter.
- b. Motion to move forward with Harold White promotion, and give to City PR to promote on website, Hunt. Second, Rich. Unanimously passed.
- c. HRC Website. No update.

XII. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. A lot of discussion on the assessments on homeowners, re: water line work. Three events coming up: Relay for Life; Jackson Reunion (Southside) August 12; Hispanic Festival, September 16. Councilperson asks about dispute resolution.

XIII. Commissioner's Comments.

XIV. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn, 7:07, VanSumeren. Rich, Second.
Unanimously passed.

Submitted from my notes,

Robert W. VanSumeren, Secretary
Human Relations Commission
City of Jackson