



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Remote

Approved: July 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stephanie Newton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Stephanie Newton, Chris Equinoa, Scott Lawley, Jo Rae Perkins, and Ray Kopczynski

Commissioners absent: Daniel Ropp and Jessi Brenneman

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020, MINUTES

7:07 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Ray Kopczynski moved to approve the February 25, 2020, minutes.

The motion failed for lack of a second after Commissioner Lawley asked for the following change to be made to the minutes:

- On page two of the draft minutes, in the paragraph titled "UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES" change "state senate" to "U.S. Senate".

Newton said that the minutes would come back to the next meeting after the changes.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a. Business from the Public

7:08 p.m.

Councilor Alex Johnson II and Mayor Sharon Konopa said that they were both present to observe the meeting.

b. Plans for Human Relations Award Presentation

7:09 p.m.

Deputy City Manager/CIO Jorge Salinas said that the awards are ready and can be presented virtually in July or the Commission can wait until August to see if there will be an in-person city council meeting.

After a brief discussion, the Commission asked that the presentation be scheduled for the second city council meeting in August, regardless of if the meeting is going to be virtual or in person.

- c. Plans for 2019 Annual Report Presentation **7:12 p.m.**

This item was moved to business from the commission.

- d. HRC Calendar Event Debriefs **7:12 p.m.**

Commissioner Jo Rae Perkins and Kopczynski both said that they attended the Black Lives Matter protests and offered kudos for the protests being well organized and peaceful.

- e. Upcoming Events from HRC Calendar and Other Volunteer Opportunities **7:15 p.m.**

Kopczynski said that the carousel has reopened and there are about half as many volunteers as there were before it closed. Kopczynski continued that they still have 95 percent of the shifts covered and are open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week.

- f. Highlights for 2020 Annual Report Preparation **7:17 p.m.**

Newton said that because of the lockdown caused by the global pandemic, there will likely not be much to add to the 2020 Annual Report.

- g. Staff Updates **7:18 p.m.**

Salinas informed the commission that Marilyn Smith is retiring and how her duties will be split among existing positions.

Salinas informed the commission that the library is offering contact free curbside pickup and that parks and playgrounds are being inspected for opening and will open when Oregon Health Authority guidance is received. Salinas also detailed the opening schedules for softball, swimming, and the municipal court.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7:23 p.m.

Newton asked commissioners to review the draft of the 2019 Annual HRC report that she emailed to them before the meeting (see agenda file). Newton said that any commissioners with photos they would like to include should send the photos to her.

The following changes and edits were suggested by commissioners:

- Add the September 11th memorial event to the September timeline.
- Add to the timeline the addition of Kopczynski to the HRC.
- Change the "term expires" on page 15 for Lawley to the correct date.
- Change Lawley's picture in the board roster.
- Change Michael "Thompson" to "Thomson" on page 13.
- Add the downtown twice around parade to the report.
- Add photo credits to the Albany Visitors Association.

Newton said that she would create a slideshow of the report to present to city council at their August 26, 2020, meeting and Commissioner Chris Equinoa said that he would help with the presentation if he was in town.

Newton asked that staff provide who the guests were to 2019's HRC meetings since they were not included on the minutes.

Equinoa, Konopa, and Salinas had a brief discussion about the Sunrise Park dedication.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled commission meeting is on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gabriel Shepherd
Recorder

Jorge Salinas
Deputy City Manager/CIO