



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Remote

Approved: August 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stephanie Newton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Stephanie Newton, Chris Equinoa, Scott Lawley, Jessi Brenneman, and Ray Kopczynski

Commissioners absent: Jo Rae Perkins and Daniel Ropp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7:15 p.m.

Commissioner Ray Kopczynski moved to approve the February 25, 2020, and the June 23, 2020, minutes as presented; Commissioner Chris Equinoa seconded. Approved 4-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

7:15 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD PRESENTATION

7:16 p.m.

Deputy City Manager/CIO Jorge Salinas said that this topic has been put on the city council's August 26, 2020, meeting agenda.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

7:18 p.m.

Newton said that she will be giving the presentation at the August 26, 2020, council meeting. Equinoa said he could not attend the meeting. Commissioner Scott Lawley said he would attend the meeting.

Equinoa will send Newton documents to help with the presentation.

HRC CALENDAR EVENT DEBRIEFS

7:19 p.m.

Newton said that she participated in the Albany Visitors Association's historic walking tour. She said that only 50 to 60 people attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORUTUNITIES

7:20 p.m.

Newton said that the Planting the Future Gala for the Family Tree Relief Nursery has been rescheduled as a virtual event on October 10, 2020.

Kopczynski suggested that the board invite Councilor Alex Johnson II to give a presentation about how the Albany Black Lives Matter protests came about.

Johnson II accepted the invitation, and Newton said that the presentation would be added to the agenda.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION

7:22 p.m.

There were no highlights noted for the report.

STAFF UPDATES

7:23 p.m.

Salinas gave an update on Sunrise Park as requested in the last meeting. He reported that the park is complete, and the Parks & Recreation Department will invite the HRC to any opening ceremony they plan.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7:24 p.m.

Equinoa informed the HRC that he and his wife are moving out of Albany and relocating to Independence. He continued that he is resigning the positions he holds on all city boards and commissions effective July 31, 2020.

Commission members, Johnson II, and Salinas expressed their excitement and support for Equinoa as well as gratitude for his years of service to the Albany community.

NEXT MEETING DATES Tuesday, August 25, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gabe Shepherd
Recorder

Jorge Salinas
Deputy City Manager/CIO