



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

This meeting will be conducted virtually. At 7:00 p.m., join the meeting from your computer or tablet by clicking the link below:

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Business from the public:
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4. Approval of March 22, 2022, minutes. [Pages 3-5]
5. Scheduled business
 - a. Guest speaker: Gayle Woodworth of Linn County Public Health
 - b. Meeting format and frequency.
 - c. HRC project updates.
 - d. Event debriefs and potential event involvement. [Pages 6-8]
 - i. Juneteenth Celebration
 - e. Highlights from this meeting for 2022 annual report preparation.
6. Business from the members

7. Staff updates
8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022
9. Adjournment

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MINUTES

March 22, 2022

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: **DRAFT**

Call to Order

Chair Stephanie Newton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introduction of New Member

Commissioner Sonja Neperud introduced herself to the group by telling some of her background.

Roll Call

Members present: Miriam Cummins, Stephanie Newton, Robyn Davis, Keith Kolkow, Sonja Neperud, and Greg Soriano

Members absent: Jamie Jones (unexcused)

Business from the Public

7:04 p.m.

There was no business from the public

Approval of February 22, 2022, Minutes

7:04 p.m.

Vice Chair Miriam Cummins said she would like to assist with any plans the City might have with the Local Government Hispanic Network, Newton noted that the HRC and the Hispanic Advisory Committee will have a joint meeting in May and then continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

Motion: Chair Newton moved to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes. Vice Chair Cummins seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Newton asked for an updated commission roster to be sent out to the group.

Meeting options since mask mandate lifted

7:11 p.m.

Cummins said she would like the HRC to conduct meetings in person. Commissioner Robyn Davis agreed but is willing to go with a hybrid format. Neperud and Newton prefer meeting virtually. Commissioner Keith Kolkow and Commissioner Greg Soriano said that they would be fine either way.

HRC meetings are in the same week as both the City Council's work session and their regular council meeting. In light of this, Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane asked if the group would like to move the meetings to a different Tuesday of the month and whether they would like to change the meeting time. She will send a Doodle poll to the group. Next month's meeting will remain as scheduled.

HRC proposed project updates

7:17 p.m.

Community walk: Greg Soriano

Soriano joined a Zoom meeting with Executive Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Jason Dorsette, of Linn Benton Community College. Dorsette would like the City's support in an upcoming walk during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. He invited the HRC to join the Denim Day Walk on April 27, at 12:00 p.m. Soriano may speak at the event. Dorsette will send flyers to Soriano that advertise the event. Instead of spearheading a separate community walk, the group will join the Denim Day Walk.

Historic walking tour:

May is Historic Preservation Month. Kolkow and Newton will meet with the chair of the Landmarks Commission on Monday, March 28, to work out details for a historic walking tour based on the diversity of Albany. Newton connected with City Councilor Dick Olsen who gave information for resources regarding the first woman and first black person to own a business in Albany.

Kolkow put together an intersectional list for the group of yearly celebrations, remembrances, and awareness events. He will email it to Lyddane.

Food Cart: Robyn Davis

A passport program is being considered to assist in featuring the food carts' owners. Lyddane will investigate options for printing the passports. Cummins suggested combining her multicultural festival project with the food cart project. She will meet with Davis and Commissioner Jamie Jones to help plan the project.

Cummins has received feedback from community members that the HRC is not accessible. She suggested taking turns once a month to station themselves at Monteith Park, where they could give out tokens to the carousel. Discussion followed about acquiring the tokens through a donation or a grant. Newton will send Cummins the contact information for Albany Downtown Association Executive Director Lisa Grato.

HRC Event Debriefs and Upcoming Events from HRC Calendar

732 p.m.

No new events were discussed.

Highlights From this Meeting for 2022 Annual Report Preparation

7:32 p.m.

The HRC will highlight welcoming Neperud to the group, the evolving of the group's projects (community walk and multicultural festival), and Newton presenting the annual report at tomorrow night's city council meeting.

Business from the Commission

733 p.m.

Keith Kolkow will reach out to Linn County Public Health Harm Reduction Coordinator Gayle Woodworth to invite her to speak to the group.

Newton met with Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker to discuss homelessness in the county. He suggested she contact the Family Assistance Resource Center for additional resources. Kolkow said that the county is working to rehabilitate an old FEMA trailer into a mobile shower unit for the homeless. They need additional funding for the project. Davis relayed that the Community Development Commission has a source of funds that can be applied for through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Neperud attended one of the Housing Affordability Task Force meetings. The meetings are every other month, with the next one being on April 13, 2022.

Staff Updates

739 p.m.

At the last city council work session, the citizens advisory groups were discussed. The groups are being reviewed and modifications are being considered for the sake of efficiency and their overall fit within the city's strategic plan. Some groups may be consolidated, but the HRC will remain as is. Lyddane asked the group to evaluate how often they need to meet.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gina Burrese
Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*

Calendar of Events

Thursdays	Community take-out meals	5:00 p.m.	First Christian Church
January 2022			
01/13/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
01/17/2022	MLK Day		
01/25/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
01/25/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
01/29/2022	Community & Immunity Day Fair		
February 2022			
02/10/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
02/15/2022	Citizen Advisory Groups training	3:00 p.m.	Virtual (recorded)
02/22/2020	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
02/22/2021	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
02/23/2022	Present annual report at the city council meeting	6:00 p.m.	Virtual event
02/25/2022	LBCC Unity Celebration (last week of Feb. or first week of March)	9:00 a.m.	
March 2022			
03/10/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
03/22/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
03/23/2022	HRC's annual report presented at the City Council meeting	6:00 p.m.	Hybrid event
03/29/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
April 2022			
04/02/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/09/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/11/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
04/16/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/23/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/26/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
04/26/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
04/27/2022	Denim Walk for Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Noon	LBCC
04/30/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
May 2022			
	Mental Health Month		
	Historical Preservation Month		
05/07/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/12/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
05/14/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/19/2022	HEART to Heart Resource Fair (3rd Thursday in May)		
05/21/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/24/2022	HRC meeting		
05/28/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/30/2022	Memorial Day events		
05/31/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
June 2022			
	Juneteenth Celebration (Corvallis/Albany NAACP presents)		
06/04/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/09/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
06/11/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/18/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/25/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/28/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
	LGBTQ Rally/March		Linn County Courthouse & Downtown Albany
06/30/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
	Safety Camp for kids entering grades 4-6		

July 2022

	Nominations open for 2022 HR Award		
07/02/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/07/2022	River Rhythms (Sheena Easton)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/09/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/11/2022	Summer Sounds (The Bylines)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/14/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany	6:30 p.m.	
07/16/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/18/2022	Summer Sounds (Tyler & The Train Robbers)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/21/2022	River Rhythms (Blue Oyster Cult)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/23/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/25/2022	Summer Sounds (CJ Mickens)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/26/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
07/26/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
07/28/2022	River Rhythms (Ruthie Foster)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
07/30/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot

August 2022

	Midsummer Arts Festival	10:00 a.m.	Monteith Riverpark
	Summer Sounds (LaRhonda Steele)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
08/02/2022	National Night Out Event (First Tuesday in August)	5:30 p.m.	
08/04/2022	River Rhythms (ARRIVAL from Sweden)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
08/06/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/11/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
08/11/2022	River Rhythms (Eddie Montgomery)	7:00 p.m.	Monteith Riverpark
08/13/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/20/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/23/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
08/20/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/27/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/30/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

September 2022

09/03/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/08/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
09/10/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/17/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
	Festival Latino	noon-4:00 p.m.	
	Linn-Benton Veteran Stand Down		Monteith Riverpark
09/24/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/27/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
09/27/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	

October 2022

10/3-9/2021	Mental Illness Awareness week		
10/01/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/08/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/13/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
10/15/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/22/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/25/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
10/25/2022	HRC meeting	5:00 p.m.	
10/29/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/31/2022	Deadline for 2022 HR Award nominations		

November 2022

	Annual Summit on Homelessness		
11/05/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/10/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
11/11/2022	Veterans Day Memorial Service	8:30 a.m.	Timber Linn Park
11/11/2022	Veterans Day Parade	12:30 p.m.	
11/12/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/22/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	
11/19/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/26/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/29/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

December 2022

	Present HR Awards at City Council meeting	
12/08/2022	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.
12/27/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.
12/27/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Homeless Persons' Memorial Service	5:30 p.m.