



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Willamette Room/Council Chambers, City Hall

333 Broadalbin Street SW

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1. Call to order

2. Roll call

3. Business from the public:

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- 3) *Appear in person at the meeting and register to speak.*

4. Approval of April 26, 2022, minutes. [Pages 3-5]

5. Scheduled business

- a. Linn Benton NAACP Juneteenth Celebration volunteer needs (guest speaker: Wendy Sutton)
- b. Ophelia's Place expanding its services in Albany (guest speaker: Teri Conklin)
- c. Albany Public Library's Spanish collection mural

- d. HRC project updates.
 - e. Event debriefs and potential event involvement. [Pages 6-8]
 - f. Highlights from this meeting for 2022 annual report preparation.
- 6. Business from the members
 - 7. Staff updates
 - 8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022
 - 9. Adjournment

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MINUTES

April 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: **DRAFT**

Call to Order

Chair Stephanie Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Miriam Cummins (left at 7:28 p.m.), Stephanie Newton, Robyn Davis, Keith Kolkow, Greg Soriano, and Jamie Jones (arrived at 7:33 p.m.)

Members absent: Sonja Neperud (excused)

Business from the Public

7:01 p.m.

City of Albany Communications and Engagement Officer Matt Harrington announced the Albany Public Library's Spanish mural project. The project idea was first introduced in 2019 in conjunction with the Arts Commission but was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One intent for the mural would be to bring attention to the Spanish material collection at the library. If the HRC is interested, the thought is to have a subcommittee of both the HRC and the planning commission, along with Albany's high school art students, plan the project.

Approval of March 22, 2022, Minutes

7:07 p.m.

Motion: Vice Chair Miriam Cummins moved to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Keith Kolkow seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Guest speaker: Gayle Woodworth of Linn County Public Health

7:08 p.m.

Gayle Woodworth is the new Linn County Harm Reduction Coordinator. Woodworth explained her background and her plans. She does rapid HIV, hepatitis C, and syphilis testing anywhere needed and she hands out safe sex kits. Woodworth listed disease and drug statistics, noting the rise in cases of hepatitis and fentanyl overdoses. Her intent is to educate and destigmatize the various diseases and people who do drugs, so more people seek help.

Woodworth said that the program is very new, and she is just beginning to form relationships. The HRC could help by getting the word out about the program. She will keep the HRC in mind for future projects/events where they could volunteer. Woodworth will get back to the HRC on where to get test kits to find if fentanyl is present in products.

Meeting format and frequency

7:28 p.m.

The HRC decided to keep their meetings at 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of the month in every month except December. Moving forward, they will use a hybrid format. The group committed to letting staff know a week ahead of time if they plan on coming in person, so that staff can prepare meeting room logistics, building security, and meeting notifications to the public. In three months, the

group will reevaluate this format and frequency to assess whether there has been enough meeting material for the number of meetings and that quorums are being met.

HRC proposed project updates

7:37 p.m.

Historic walking tour: Stephanie Newton

The tour will have eight to ten stops highlighting historic minority figures in the community. The tour will be a combination of self-guided and guided exhibits, with the dates to be determined.

Saturday Market: Stephanie Newton

Every other or every third Saturday, the HRC will have a presence at the farmers' market with a different topic to share. A sign-up list with the topics will be made available.

HRC Event Debriefs and Upcoming Events from HRC Calendar

7:40 p.m.

A Juneteenth event for Albany and Corvallis will be held at LBCC. The group would like to invite the coordinator of the event to speak at the next HRC meeting and share how the HRC could volunteer and provide promotional support.

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane will notify the group regarding a subcommittee who will plan the City's booth at the Pride Rally/March. Last year each participating city department or group had their own table at the event, but to maximize space, the interested parties will share a table.

Highlights From this Meeting for 2022 Annual Report Preparation

7:44 p.m.

The group will highlight Linn County Harm Reduction Coordinator Gayle Woodworth's presentation.

The group decided to invite Woodworth back next year to give an update on the county's program.

Business from the Commission

7:45 p.m.

There was no business from the commission.

Staff Updates

7:45 p.m.

The citizens advisory group discussion is continuing with the City Council, and Lyddane will notify the group when the discussion is back on their agenda.

Several City departments are recruiting to fill job openings. They are looking to fill both full and part-time positions and are looking for individuals who speak Spanish. Lyddane asked the group to send anyone interested to the City's website to apply. The City's goal is to have a workforce that reflects the community.

Lyddane announced that she plans on attending two more HRC meetings after which she will be on maternity leave for three months. She will notify the group when she knows who her replacement will be as liaison.

Kolkow stated that he would like to see the creation of a diversity and inclusion position at the City. It was decided that Kolkow, Commissioner Robyn Davis, and Commissioner Jamie Jones will seek a meeting with the City's manager to discuss the position.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Member of the public Sonlla Heern announced an event that the local Bahá'í Faith community is planning. The first weekend in June they will be hosting a conference promoting the wellbeing of humanity as a whole and celebrating diversity and inclusiveness. Heern will notify the group when the details are ironed out.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:54 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 Hybrid
05/24/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
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			
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	Juneteenth Celebration (Linn Benton NAACP)	Noon	LBCC Courtyard
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
06/25/2022	LGBTQ Rally/March		Linn County Courthouse & Downtown Albany
06/27/2022	Safety Camp for kids entering grades 4-6	TBD	9am-Noon or 1-4pm Hybrid
06/28/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
06/30/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

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 (Tylor & 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.	
			Hybrid
07/26/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
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
			Hybrid
08/23/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
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
		noon-4:00 p.m.	
	Festival Latino		Monteith Riverpark
	Linn-Benton Veteran Stand Down		
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.	
			Hybrid
09/27/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall

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
			Hybrid
11/22/2022	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
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

12/08/2022	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.