



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: June 28, 2022

Call to Order

Staff Liaison Kim Lyddane called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Robyn Davis, Greg Soriano, Sonja Neperud, Jamie Jones, and Keith Kolkow (arrived 7:20 p.m.)

Members absent: Miriam Cummins (excused), Stephanie Newton (excused)

Business from the public

7:02 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of April 26, 2022, minutes

7:03 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Sonja Neperud moved to approve the April 26, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Greg Soriano seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Linn Benton NAACP Juneteenth Celebration volunteer needs

7:04 p.m.

Wendy Sutton explained that the NAACP's name has changed from Corvallis Albany NAACP to Linn Benton NAACP. She announced the Juneteenth celebration on June 18, at LBCC, from noon to 3:00 p.m. This is the first time the event will be held in Albany. Other firsts for the event are combining it with a black-owned business expo and a book giveaway. The NAACP is still looking for signups for the business expo. Detailed information can be found at their website: <https://linnbentonnaacp.com>. Also, the website has a signup for their newsletter.

They need volunteers to help with event tear-down and cleanup, which would start at 2:45 p.m.; assisting at the kids' events; and break coverage for expo and community table personnel. Sutton will be providing a volunteer signup sheet. Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane will make volunteer needs known at the next City Executive Leadership Team meeting.

Ophelia's Place expanding its services in Albany

7:12 p.m.

Communications Director Teri Conklin shared Ophelia's Place's mission through a *PowerPoint presentation. Ophelia's Place is a prevention-based nonprofit dedicated to helping girl-identified youth make healthy life choices. The organization is getting ready to open a facility in downtown Albany at 104 SE 4th Avenue. They have been offering services to Albany residents since 2018 through the school system and online. Tours of the new facility are available. Call for an appointment.

Albany Public Library's Spanish collection mural

7:30 p.m.

A couple of representatives from the Arts Commission will be assisting with the project. Lyddane asked the group to send her names of any young Latinx artists who would be interested in working on the mural. Lyddane will check with Librarian I Millie Barriger for the project's timeline. Most likely work will be done on Mondays when the main library is closed.

HRC proposed project updates

7:31 p.m.

Pride: Keith Kolkow

The event is on June 25, starting at 10:00 a.m. The City will have a 25-foot water trailer in place for people to fill water bottles. Commissioner Keith Kolkow is working with Republic Services on ways to manage trash on the day of the event.

HRC event debriefs and upcoming events from HRC calendar

7:33 p.m.

Commissioner Robyn Davis moderated a congressional debate. Six candidates were involved and there was a good turnout from residents of the district.

Highlights From this meeting for 2022 annual report preparation

7:34 p.m.

Lyddane suggested using highlights from the minutes for the report.

Business from the commission

7:34 p.m.

Kolkow will connect with the Hispanic Advisory Committee for an update on Festival Latino.

The commission decided to volunteer for the Juneteenth tear-down and cleanup crew. Lyddane will let Sutton know and will forward any instructions from Sutton to the commission. She will see about obtaining buttons that will identify the group as the HRC.

Staff updates

7:38 p.m.

Lyddane will meet with staff and come up with a process for commissioners to give notice on whether they plan to attend a meeting virtually. If at all possible, the City should be giving more than one day's notice when the HRC needs to change their meeting format.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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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.*