



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: August 23, 2022

Call to Order

Chair Stephanie Newton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Jamie Jones, Stephanie Newton, Miriam Cummins, Robyn Davis, and Keith Kolkow

Members absent: Sonja Neperud (excused), Greg Soriano (unexcused)

Business from the public

7:04 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of June 28, 2022, minutes

7:04 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Keith Kolkow moved to approve the June 28, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Miriam Cummins seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Human Relations Award process and schedule overview

7:06 p.m.

Motion: Kolkow moved to award two individuals and two nonprofits for the combined years of 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Robyn Davis seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

The group decided to set Friday, October 29, 2022, as the application deadline; Friday, November 13, 2022, as the internal vote deadline; and Wednesday, December 7, 2022, as the award presentation at the city council meeting. They requested that staff open the application process on the City's website and advertise the award on Facebook and in the City's newsletter as soon as possible.

HRC proposed project updates

7:30 p.m.

Newton and Kolkow will make themselves available as HRC representatives at the Farmers' Market on September 3, 2022.

Davis, with Newton's assistance, will create a draft of a proclamation to support women's reproductive rights.

HRC event debriefs and upcoming events from HRC calendar

7:36 p.m.

The group would like to add the Linn County Fair to their calendar as a possible volunteer opportunity or an HRC project.

Highlights From this meeting for 2022 annual report preparation

7:37 p.m.

The report will highlight this year's process for the Human Relations awards.

It will note the commission's welcome of Communications and Engagement Officer Matt Harrington as their temporary staff liaison and their congratulations to Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane on the successful birth of her child.

Business from the commission

7:39 p.m.

Kolkow invited the City of Albany, to consider joining the Welcoming America network. The organization is hosting a learning lab, which aims to equip leaders to facilitate activities that bridge divides and build belonging in their local communities. Applicants for the lab must apply by August 1, 2022. The group decided to look into registering for the lab as individuals and join the network as a city group next year. (Cummins' remote connection to the meeting was lost during this discussion).

The commission will have a joint meeting with the Hispanic Advisory Committee (HAC) on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Newton will send an email to HAC member Millie Barriger. The joint meeting will be scheduled an hour before the HRC's regular meeting.

Kolkow presented a certificate to the City for their support in the Pride event.

Staff updates

7:45 p.m.

Harrington gave no additional updates.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gina Burrese
Recorder

Matt Harrington
Communications and Engagement Officer