



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 27, 2022

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: October 25, 2022

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present: Jamie Jones, Stephanie Newton, Robyn Davis, and Greg Soriano

Members absent: Keith Kolkow (excused), Miriam Cummins (excused)

Business from the public

7:04 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of August 23, 2022, minutes

7:04 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Jamie Jones moved to approve the August 23, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Greg Soriano seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

HRC proposed project updates

7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Robyn Davis and Newton will meet before next month's meeting to work on Davis's proclamation project.

Jones proposed that the commission host a "coffee with a commissioner" event. She will talk to management at Margin Coffee to see if they are open to the commission having an event there.

Jones made three other suggestions: that the commission have a list of resources for the community, that they support another larger organization such as Ophelia's Place, and that they volunteer for the Veterans Day Parade.

The commissioners will gather information to add to and update the resource list used at the last HEART to Heart Resource Fair. Staff liaison Matt Harrington will post the list to the HRC's web page.

Joint meeting in October with the Hispanic Advisory Committee (HAC)

Newton will speak with HAC member Millie Barriger to set up a time. The earliest Soriano could attend a meeting on October 25, would be 6:00 p.m.

HRC event debriefs and upcoming events from HRC calendar

7:16 p.m.

The group plans to have a presence at the Albany Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 8.

Highlights From this meeting for 2022 annual report preparation

7:25 p.m.

The report will highlight Jones' suggestions.

Business from the commission

7:27 p.m.

Harrington will check into whether the commission can endorse any of Albany's 2022 election candidates.

Newton noted that she attended a synagogue for the new year and noticed that the Jewish population is expanding in Albany.

Staff updates

7:29 p.m.

There were no updates for this meeting.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The October joint meeting with the HAC is to be determined.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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Gina Burrese
Recorder

Matt Harrington
Communications and Engagement Officer

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record*