

Minutes of Meeting
Human Relations Meeting
November 21, 2013

A meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5th Floor of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130

Members in Attendance: Kathy McGinnis, Angelene Hayes, Meg McClelland
Jackie Womack, Charmaine Glenn

Members Absent: Matthew Nosko

Other in Attendance: Elaine Williams-Board Secretary

Agenda

The agenda was accepted as amended. We added under Unfinished Business: Banner about Diversity, Words on Website, Racial Profiling Complaint

Minutes

The October 17, 2013 meeting minutes were accepted as amended.

Unfinished Business

Conversation on Race - Commission Retreat

The re-revised Proposal for the Commission Retreat was sent out to the Board members for review.

Discussion

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. It was seconded by Board member Hayes and Board member Glenn. The motion passed.

Suggested names will be forwarded to the City Manager for his sending out the RFPs.

Mission Statement Brochure

Board member Hayes presented a draft of the proposed mission statement.

Discussion

Generic pamphlet was reviewed. Suggestions were made. Board member Hayes requested any further suggestions be sent to her.

Ackert Park

An email regarding accessibility to the park will be sent to the City Manager for review after Kathy talks to Charlene Marks about the needs requested.

Kirkwood event

Board member Womack attended this meeting. The meeting was an attempt to bring people together. He also spoke with the Human Rights Commission representatives from Kirkwood

Diversity was discussed. Jackie believes in our Commission, things are not what we think they are, and then we put it back under the blanket. People who gave money to the event passed out bags, filled with take a ways. Had a nice conversation with the Mayor until the conversation about politics was brought up. Listened to some of the complaints on how residents were being treated.

The Banner

Size that are currently on the light post. If we want to do a sign contest, perhaps a notice can be sent out to the freshman – seniors at the high school. Charmaine is following up.

DISCUSSION

Perhaps one that could attach to a lamppost. A suggestion was made to donate a season's pass to Centennial Commons as a prize for the best design.

Website- Disability Rights

A motion was made to take the verbiage form ordnance 6927 and place it onto our web site. Motion passed. Elaine will follow up.

New Business

Grant about Fair Housing

DISCUSSION

What are other communities doing with funds from this Grant? More information is needed.

What gets done, what are community activities? Issues that have to do with housing.

All Commission members agreed to contact their council members and/or others who may know something about the fair housing needs in U . City.

Council Liaison Report

Nothing was reported.

Commission Members Comments

Is the ordnance what we go by. can we recommend people for the Commission? Do they have to be appointed based upon the Ward they belong to? We need a replacement for Dave Olander.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

The next meeting is December 19, 2013.