

MINUTES - DRAFT
CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHASKA CITY HALL
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018
6:30 P.M.

1) Roll Call

Chairperson Welvaert called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Jen Welvaert, Sarah Carlson, Barbara Colhapp, Robert Kim, Donzel Leggett, Celi Haga

Absent: Vice Chairperson Judy Dunbar, Lisa White

Staff Liaison: Nate Kabat

2) Adopt the Agenda

Colhapp asked that Veterans Court be added to new business.

Welvaert asked for a Summit update to be added under new business.

Motion: Carlson

Second: Leggett

Motion approved.

3) Open Forum/Guest Presentation

There were no guests at the meeting.

4) Approve Minutes of April 26, 2018 HRC Meeting

Motion: Carlson

Second: Leggett

Motion approved.

5) Treasurer's Report

Kabat reported on supplies procured for the powwow – water bottles and garbage bags were provided. He also corrected previous expenditure report – business cards were \$33, not \$10. Total expenditures to date are \$53, remaining balance for year is \$1947.

6) Old Business

a) Appointment of Alternate to a Commissioner seat to fill vacancy

With Filipek resignation, still need to appoint an alternate – typically look at alternates as appointed to position, White/Carlson appointed at the same time so someone will have to be nominated, put up in that position. White has indicated she is comfortable staying an alternate, Carlson is willing.

Motion: Leggett

Second: Haga

Motion approved.

b) Dementia-friendly communities – Update by Celi Haga

Colhapp mentioned a series of meetings around Alzheimer's being presented starting September 22 and running through the end of November at the Chaska branch of the Carver County Library. Presentations will include topics like seasonal effects/raising

awareness, making sure the community at large knows what's important about dementia. Colhapp will try and get more information.

Carlson will attend dementia-friendly training at Chan library and follow up with the commission.

The group made no formal determination about moving forward with the initiative and will consider again at future meetings.

c) May 2018 Pow Wow Recap

Leggett reported that the Pow Wow was a big success. There were 52 dancers, seven vendors, three drum groups, and the participation exceeded hopes for this first event. The planning group is already starting to think about next year and is looking grant writing support as it begins to apply for grants to cover costs.

d) River City Days, July 2018 - Update by Lisa White/Jen Welvaert

Welvaert reported in White's absence that she is continuing to investigate options for giveaways, including keychains shaped like a house (homeless/housing theme), HRC logo, etc. She is also considering something related to safety be useful to people (little flashlight or something similar). She will have a full report/proposal at the June meeting.

The group discussed literature options/handouts at the booth. Haga will get options from state Human Rights Commission. She will also follow up with Chan on their dementia resource guide. With regard to specific housing material, Carlson noted that Carver County's Community Development agency will be present during River City Days and will have a lot of material so the HRC should try not to be redundant.

Leggett suggested the commission look to involve some high schoolers/younger people in designing/developing the booth.

e) MLK Breakfast, January 2019 - Update from Barbara

Colhapp noted the HRC is considering presenting Human Rights Award at breakfast. She will reach out to Jeff Filipek to find out what the Chamber is thinking in terms of the event and that will help determine if there is a particular theme to the event and if it ties into 2018's theme or a new one in 2019. Will need to identify a speaker soon.

Leggett provided a musical update. Tim Beckler, Director of Music over at Chaska HS will have jazz ensemble play. Will double-check with Ms. Klein to see if choir might also perform.

f) Nominees for Chaska Human Rights Award – Review nomination form

The group discussed the form and asked that previous winners be put on the website as part of efforts to promote the award. There was discussion about moving the date back to December but ultimately the decision was to keep the nomination deadline in November – November 15, and have some wiggle room in December if more nominations are needed. December could be used to develop a more formal presentation for the winner if presented in January at the MLK breakfast.

Haga agreed to be point person for the Human Rights Award.

7) New Business

a) State HRC Info – Donzel Leggett

State Human Rights Summit is June 26, the state is hoping to have many city HRCs attend. It will be at the University of Minnesota – registration is not open yet but an email will be sent out when it is. There will be workshops, speeches; it's a four-hour commitment focused on education/outreach methods, local/regional partnership

opportunities.

b. Other new business

Colhapp brought up the Veterans Court and hearing David Hunt, Head of Carver Co Veterans Services speak. The program helps vets with mortgages, divorce, and more. Colhapp suggested he be invited to speak at a future meeting.

8) Adjourn

Motion: Carlson.

Second: Leggett.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:31 p.m..

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6:30 PM, June 28, 2018