



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

### MINUTES

April 23, 2024

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: May 28, 2024

#### Call to Order

Vice-Chair Robyn Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Members present: Alyssa Nydegger, Jamie Jones, Robyn Davis, and Hedio Schulte

Members absent: Allyson Dean (excused), Miriam Cummins (excused), Greg Soriano

#### Business from the public

**6:02p.m.**

There was no business from the public.

#### Approval of March 26, 2024, minutes

**6:03p.m.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Jamie Jones moved to approve the January 23, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Alyssa Nydegger seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

#### Director of Community Development Matthew Ruetters

**6:04p.m.**

Director of Community Development Matthew Ruetters gave an overview of the permitting and housing options. He explained the middle housing mandate given to Oregon cities in 2019, which brought on the city's 2020 Housing Needs Analysis and the Housing Implementation Plan that was adopted in June of 2023 and is now in the process of implementation. Ruetters went over the system development charges (SDC) and how the charges are factored for accessory dwelling units (ADU). He explained that the Community Development Department is looking for strategies to lower the charges, recognizing that they can be a barrier for people. Jones asked about preapproved ADU plans. Ruetters answered that the department is looking into that as a strategy, but a problem with it is the three-year cycle for development codes. Ruetters said that his overview was a condensed version of the process and that the Commissioners can visit or call Ruetters with any questions they have.

#### Joint Council work session update

The Commission agreed to meet with the City Council on either July 8 or July 22, whichever worked out with the City Council.

#### Land acknowledgement recommendation

**6:25 p.m.**

Davis and staff liaison Kim Lyddane met to strategize the next step for the recommendation. They recommend putting together a delegation to visit the tribe to express the Commission's desire to honor the tribe through a land acknowledgement and learn from the tribe the best way to go about that. The goal is to meet with the tribe this coming fall.

It was noted that the second to last sentence of the acknowledgement's draft needs to be reworded. Lyddane will do that.

HRC name change recommendation

**6:31 p.m.**

Davis and Commissioner Allyson Dean had met as a subcommittee earlier this month to discuss the recommendation. They want to make sure the members still feel strongly about a name change recommendation before moving forward. The discussion switched to the human rights commission conversation with other Oregon cities.

Human rights commission conversation across Oregon cities

**6:33p.m.**

The group is interested in the Commission being involved in this conversation. Dean, as the Commission's chair, will be asked to be the point person for the conversation. Members would like to learn if other commissions have undergone name changes and whether it was beneficial.

**Motion:** Commissioner Jamie Jones moved to table the name change until further review. Commissioner Alyssa Nydegger seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Bias Resources

**6:38 p.m.**

Nydegger reported that the Oregon Department of Justice's website has a civil rights tab with a wealth of resources. There are options to report hate crimes and bias incidents, with access to trauma-informed hotline advocates and interpretation in over 240 languages. The website gives detailed definitions for hate crimes and bias incidents. Nydegger described the Law Enforcement Bias Response Toolkit on the website as a very beneficial resource for the group.

**Motion:** Nydegger made a motion to have links to the Oregon Department of Justice's resources placed on the Human Relations Commission's web page. Commissioner Hedio Schulte seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Meeting format

**6:49p.m.**

The group decided to have at least two hybrid meetings a year. To aid in finding the right day and time to hold these meetings, members asked staff to report back to the group on when other Commissions hold their in-person meetings. March and October are being considered as the months to have the hybrid meetings.

Event debriefs and potential event involvement

**6:58 p.m.**

Members will plan event involvement after the joint meeting with the City Council.

Business from the Commission

**7:03 p.m.**

There was no business from the Commission.

Staff updates

Lyddane had no additional updates.

Next meeting date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Vice-Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Gina Burrese  
Recorder

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file*

Kim Lyddane  
Staff Liaison