



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 27, 2024

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: October 22, 2024

Call to Order

Chair Allyson Dean called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Allyson Dean, Alyssa Nydegger, Robyn Davis, Hedio Schulte, and Jamie Jones (arrived at 6:18 p.m.)

Members absent: None

Business from the public

There was no business from the public.

Approval of May 28, 2024, minutes

6:02 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Alyssa Nydegger moved to approve the May 28, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Robyn Davis seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

River Rhythms and Summer Sounds recommendations

6:04 p.m.

The members discussed comments made by a performer at a July River Rhythms event. The performer's comments, which some expressed were not appropriate for a family friendly event, were also discussed at a City Council meeting earlier in the month and suggestions were made there. Director Kim Lyddane explained the process used in selecting performers and how the City is looking into revising the process by updating the contract language and including a code of conduct with the City's expectations.

It was suggested that Parks & Recreation include representatives from the HRC when drafting the code of conduct and to include representatives from the HRC and from the Arts Commission in the early stages of vetting potential future performers. It was also suggested that Parks & Recreation provide concert attendees with a survey to obtain feedback after an event.

The members expressed that they would like to make a recommendation to the City Council. Dean had already begun drafting some language and asked if any other members would like to help draft the recommendation. There was discussion about forming a subcommittee to create the draft. Lyddane pointed out that the Oregon Government Ethics Commission had recently revised the rules regarding subcommittees. Staff will talk with the City Clerks and get back to Dean with the current rules. Lyddane recommended that one person draft a recommendation to include in the next regular meeting agenda that the whole group could discuss at that time. (Commissioner Jamie Jones joined the meeting during this discussion.)

Commissioner Hedio Schulte suggested using wording that the Albany Visitor's Association uses when describing Albany's community. She will look it up to give to the group.

Joint meeting with City Council update

6:27 p.m.

The joint meeting is being postponed with the thought of waiting until after the election. The City Council has two Councilors not seeking reelection and another Councilor whose seat is being contested, which could mean a very different makeup for the Council.

HAC and NAACP representatives

6:36 p.m.

Dean announced Festival Latino, which is on September 8, 2024, and encouraged the group to come to the event and to volunteer. Staffing is needed for the welcome booth. Members are to let Dean know if they are interested. They were also encouraged to spread the word about the event.

Dean expressed the importance of having representation at the monthly meetings of the Hispanic Advisory Committee (HAC) and the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Davis volunteered to attend the September 12, 2024, NAACP meeting. Dean will let Davis know if the meeting can be attended virtually. Staff will email the members, soliciting sign-ups for the rest of the HAC and NAACP meeting dates in the next two months.

Potential event involvement and volunteer sign-ups

This was discussed above.

Business from the Commission

There was no business to discuss.

Staff updates

6:41 p.m.

Lyddane invited the members to attend the first annual volunteer appreciation event celebrating their service as a member of a citizen advisory group.

Next meeting date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Dean adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gina Burrese
Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Staff Liaison