

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2018

City Hall

161 W. Michigan Ave.

Jackson, MI 49201

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by John Hawthorne followed by Roll Call by S. Mure.

Members Present: Miriam Brown Dorsey, Jessica Embury, John Hawthorne, Julia Josling, Melissa Morse, Suzanne Mure, Cheryl Ragland.

Members Absent: Valerie Cochran-Toops (excused).

Ex Officio Present: James Johnson Jr., Krissy Kerwin.

Ex Officio Absent: None.

Staff: John Willis.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd by Melissa Morse. Motion carried with additions.

Citizen Comment: None

Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for September 26, 2018, Special Meeting and October 17, 2018 regular meeting made by J. Josling, 2nd by J.Embury. Motion carried with one abstention.

Community Liaison Police Officer: None.

Committee Reports:

Events/Public Relations:

Harold White Breakfast: Coverage of final expenses for the Harold White Breakfast covered with a request for a report to be emailed to the commissioners and to be provided for the annual report with a 2017 comparison. The committee will also be meeting to discuss options to make changes and a draft to be presented at the February meeting.

Expungement Fair: United Way wants to be involved in the Expungement Fair with other participants. This event looks to be likely held in February 2019.

Candidate Forum: Discussions held and reflections on success and how we may proceed for the next forum.

Policy Committee: None.

Project Committee: Discussions with Shannon Harris from Grand Rapids to come down to address to HRC about the Youth Council in Grand Rapids possible with a teleconference call to be held with the Project /Development committees on ideas to assist moving forward, including discussions on Kids Speak- state of youth in the city. Looking to schedule sometime in January or February. A copy of the ordinance will be emailed to the commissioners.

Diversity Project: Citizens and City Employees, data is coming has been provided and have questions to move forward. The committee will meet with J. Willis at City Hall November 30th.

Nominating Committee: Discussion held on the Ex-Officio slots and discussion on planning and options to fill those positions and the outlook we are trying to achieve to move forward.

A Motion was made by J. Embury to have the HRC recommendation of James Johnson Jr. to the Mayor to fill the open seat on the commission. 2nd by J. Josling. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Josling to recommend to the Mayor the reappointment of Suzanne Mure and Cheryl Ragland to the board. 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by M. Brown Dorsey to approve the cost of the Memorial Plaques for the Harold White Memorial with installation at a cost of no more than \$425. 2nd by M. Morse. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to accept proposed 2019 meeting dates made by J. Josling, 2nd by J. Embury. Motion carried.

2019 Strategic planning. Regina Pinney to set up a date for training to be determined on the dates and times. Also to set a time for HRC direct strategic planning meeting.

The annual report to be prepared and brought to the January meeting and then to be presented to the City Council.

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Susan B. Anthony. Dinner to be held on March 10, 2019, at Cascades Manor. They are looking for nominations for the benefit for woman and girls. Request that we nominate Alice Lewis and that HRC for us to sponsor to this program which is due by the end of January and to buy a ticket for Alice Lewis. Information to be provided to the commission for approval.

Dinner/Luncheon for the commissioners . Dates to be sent out to members.

Motion to cancel the December meeting made by M. Brown Dorsey, 2nd from M. Morse. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by M. Morse, 2nd by M. Brown Dorsey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne Mure".

Suzanne Mure
Secretary