



Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes  
01/19/2022

I. Call to Order

Called to Order at 6:02pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Maurice Imhoff, Shalanda Hunt, Miriam Dorsey Brown, John Willis, James Johnson, Cheryl Ragland

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda. Motion M. Imhoff, Second, M. Brown Dorsey. Unanimously approved.

IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit).

No citizen comments.

V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

No December Minutes.

VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report.

Lt. Rose reports. Staffing update. Two Lt. promotions. Two new recruits. Sent two officers to de-escalation training. In process of hiring program director for violence intervention program. Will post for new cadets. Citizens Police Program is scheduled for fall, if possible.

VI. Announcement.

Karyl Baker submits letter of resignation. R. VanSumeren motions to accept resignation. Second by S. Hunt. Unanimously approved.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

One applicant may be pending.

b. Project Development Committee

No update.

- c. Policy and Complaint Committee  
No update.
- d. Events and Public Relations Committee  
No update.

VIII. New Business

- a. Election of New Officer Positions  
Nominate Chair. M. Brown Dorsey, motion to nominate Cheryl Ragland.  
Second J. Johnson. Unanimously approved.

Nominate Vice-Chair. S. Hunt, motion to nominate J. Johnson. R. VanSumeren, second. Unanimous vote to pass.

Nominate Secretary. M. Brown Dorsey, motion to nominate R. VanSumeren. S. Hunt, second. Unanimous vote to pass.

- b. Select Committee Assignments  
Nominating Committee:  
Project Development Committee:  
Policy and Complaint Committee:  
Public Relations/Communications Committee:  
HRC Public Events Committee:  
Motion to postpone board assignments until vacant committee seat is filled. M. Imhoff, motion. M. Brown Dorsey, second. Unanimously passed.

- c. Discuss 2022 Goals and Objectives  
Discussion of Blackstone Apartment housing project, and the multi-unit on Lansing Avenue. HRC will investigate and propose involvement with Chalet Terrace and Reed Manor projects (proposed).

Discussion on moving an HRC meeting, quarterly, in the community, throughout the different wards.

Second Goal, First Objective: Wait until we hear back from J. Willis and Legal.

Motion to accept 2022 Goals and Objectives. Motion by J. Johnson, second by M. Imhoff. Unanimously approved.

Goal 1, Point 4: Review of City Boards/Commissions for diversity.

Board of Review: M. Brown Dorsey  
Brownfield Redevelopment: M. Imhoff  
Building Code Board Examin. Appeals: M. Imhoff  
Ella Sharpe Park Bd: M. Imhoff  
Environmental Commission: S. Hunt  
Historic Dist. Commission: M. Imhoff  
Human Relations Commission: J. Willis  
MLK Corridor Improvement Authority: J. Willis  
Parks and Rec: J. Willis  
Planning Commission: J. Johnson  
Public Arts Commission: S. Hunt  
Racial Equity Commission: J. Willis  
Administrative Hearing Bureau: C. Ragland  
Youth Counsel: J. Willis  
Zoning Board of Appeals: R. VanSumeren

Assignment for Commissioners: Request list of active members, with dates of terms, racial demographics, gender. Will receive input from J. Willis about how best to ascertain demographic information.

- d. Clarify and Discuss Strategies for Obtaining Ex-Officio Members  
HRC has three open Ex-Officio Positions. Categories are Social Services, Education, and Business. J. Johnson proposes that representatives from CE and HFA be recruited.

IX. City Councilmember Liaison Comments

Councilmember A. Robinson clarifies that county residents may sit on the Affordable Housing Development Board.

X. Commissioner's Comments

S. Hunt: Glad to be a part of the team. Looking forward to filling vacancies. M. Brown Dorsey: Glad for team focus. M. Imhoff: Youth Council, Q: Should there be a standing agenda item, updating HRC on Youth Council? Chair answers that HRC would like a monthly update. Citizens Comments Ordinance follow-up? Chair favors a wait-and-see approach before drafting an ordinance. Chair indicates that the Mayor can enforce the rules for civility at any time. M. Imhoff indicates that he favors revisiting the ordinance to enforce civility in the chamber. J. Willis favors writing the ordinance, keeping on ice, for when inevitably needed. M. Imhoff indicates he'll be leaving HRC soon, to go to college. Congrats to J. Johnson's candidacy. S. Hunt speaks of collaboration with JPS, and the High School. Chair C. Ragland: Recognizes Mr. Dancy for

attending. Mr. Dancy indicates there is community interest in the boards. All others, no comment.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn. Motion by M. Imhoff. Second, M. Brown Dorsey.

Unanimously passed.