

Human Relations Commission Zoom Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called at 6:31pm by Cheryl Ragland
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Karyl Baker, Robert VanSumeren, James Johnson, Maurice Imhoff, Cheryl Ragland, Shalanda Hunt, Miriam Brown Dorsey
Staff: John Willis
City Council Liaison: Arlene Robinson
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to discuss amended agenda by Miriam Brown Dorsey.
2nd by Shalanda Hunt
 - A. Under new business add item G: Create a statement of support for the George Floyd verdict
 - B. Under new business add item H: Change time of monthly meeting from 6:30pm-6:00pm.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (March): Motion to accept amended minutes by Shalanda Hunt to accept. 2nd by Miriam Brown Dorsey. Motion carried.
- V. Virtual Citizen Comments: None
- VI. Guest Speakers: None
- VII. Community Liaison Police Officer: Sgt. Garcia
 - i. A new round of in-service training is starting up. Partnering with Lifeways to help with crisis situations
 - ii. Currently one officer in Police Academy pending graduation on May 7th.
 - iii. Police recruit posting that has been up for a while will close on May 3rd.
 - iv. Officer vacancies- 3 candidates
 - v. A few officers had Covid. The CDC guidelines are being followed. Currently, everyone has returned to work, and no one is off due to Covid.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Nominating Committee
 - i. Thomas Burke was recently interviewed. A decision is yet to be made. We need additional information from John Willis regarding new members living outside the city limits. Further discussion needs to happen before we can make a recommendation and present to the commission.
 - ii. We have one new application from Myesha Cunningham. She has been cleared by the Treasures office.
 - iii. Currently there are 3 Ex-officio vacancies. The following backgrounds are recommended (Business, Education, & Social Service)
 - iv. There are 2 Commissioner vacancies. They must live in the City of Jackson.
 - v. The following Commissioners are county residents: Cheryl Ragland, Karyl Baker, and James Johnson
 - vi. At this time Thomas Burke does not qualify for one of the commissioner vacancies, however a final decision has not been made.
 - B. Project Development Committee-

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- vi. Motion to adopt 2020 Annual Report was made by Miriam Brown Dorsey. 2nd by Karyl Baker. Motion carried.
- B. Dine Under the Lights-
- i. Email from Maurice Imhoff- He would like to create a proposal for 2022. Time, when, and location will be determined. Maurice will begin planning for late Fall (August/October). Maurice Imhoff will report back to HRC in May about updates.
 - ii. A sub-committee to help plan this event will be assigned to the Events and Public Relations Committee. Cheryl Ragland and Robert VanSumeren will assist Maurice Imhoff.
- C. Harold White Breakfast Preparation Discussion-
- i. Not sure if the event will happen. If so, will the event happen virtually or in-person. Cascades Manor is allowing small events to take place. Arlene Robinson will find out if there are any restrictions on in-door events.
- D. Expungement Fair Discussion-
- i. Robert VanSumeren will lead the committee. Cheryl Ragland and Maurice Imhoff will assist.
 - ii. First meeting will be held on May 12th at 6:00pm
 - iii. The sub-committee will meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- E. HRC Newsletter Draft-
- i. The 1st quarter was missed but the information can still be added later.
 - ii. John Willis will send out a newsletter template to add the HRC information.
- F. Fair Chance Housing Ordinance-
- i. A letter was sent out to all commissioners
 - ii. The ordinance was final as of March 9th
 - iii. Cheryl Ragland read aloud the contents of the ordinance, highlighting the specific responsibilities of HRC that need to be completed within 120 days.
 - iv. John Willis indicated that two copies will need to be created to accommodate the two predominant languages in Jackson (English/Spanish). This will inform applicants of all their rights within the article.
 - v. A young lady from Ann Arbor is willing to help.
 - vi. A sub-committee was created (Robert VanSumeren, Karyl Baker, Cheryl Ragland, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Maurice Imhoff).
 - vii. Fair Chance Meeting will be held on May 4th (6:00pm-8:00pm)
 - viii. Maurice Imhoff requested that an updated list of committees be sent out to all commissioners. Cheryl Ragland agreed to do so.
- G. Create Statement of support for George Floyd verdict-
- i. John Willis provided a draft. Collectively we made changes to the document.
- H. Time of monthly meeting-
- i. Miriam Brown Dorsey suggested that the monthly meeting time be changed from 6:30pm-6:00pm.

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- ii. Motion to change time of monthly meeting by Shalanda Hunt. 2nd by James Johnson. Motion carried.
- XI. City Councilmember Liaison Comments:
 - A. Arlene Robinson- not much to share. Great meeting! Excited to see the statement on the trial for George Floyd. Like how everyone came together to draft a document that is acceptable. She is running to be re-elected for City Council. Recognize the importance of individuals wanting to serve on boards. Currently have two leads and will extend an invite to have people visit HRC meetings.
- XII. Commissioner's Comments:
 - i. Another productive meeting, thanks for everyone's hard work, Go Team! We have the right people doing the right work. Productivity is Key! Monday April 26th at 6:00pm Freddie Dancy is holding a virtual meeting. Karyl Baker and John Willis are participating in the ERACCE training over the next couple of weeks.
- XIII. Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Karyl Baker. 2nd by James Johnson. Motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shalanda Hunt