



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order. 6:02.
- II. Roll Call. Miriam Brown Dorsey, Robert VanSumeren, Shalanda Hunt, Maurice Imhoff, Cheryl Ragland, James Johnson, Jr., Latrivia Guinn. Also present: Arlene Robinson, councilperson; John Willis, Chief Equity Officer.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to adopt, Johnson. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously adopted.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit). None.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. No meeting minutes last month, as there was no quorum present.
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report: Dep. Chief Garcia. Staffing issues continue, continue to seek qualified applicants. 4th of July went well. Gun violence down compared to last year, although an uptick has been noticed over the last few days. Gang Violence program is up and running. The Liaison and the commissioners had a discussion about ten license cameras placed around City of Jackson.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee. Mr. Thomas Gary is an applicant. Committee will schedule a time to meet with applicant.
 - Project Development Committee. No update.
 - Policy and Complaint Committee. See below (Langston Referral).
 - Public Relations/Communications Committee. See below (Harold White).
 - Public Events. No update.
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Discussion – Harold White Breakfast
 - Motion for date/time/place of Harold White Breakfast to be on October 19, 2022, 7:30, Cascades Manor House. Motion by VanSumeren. Second, by Dorsey. Unanimously carried.
 - Nominations for volunteer awards form and cutoff date: must be received by September 16, 2020, 5:00pm. Need to provide biographical prompts for the applicants/nominators. Motion to modify the applicant

form to include proposed changes (to include biographical promotes), Dorsey. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously passed. Consider recognition of Alice Lewis and Tamar Cain.

- Guest Speakers. Proposals: Dwight L. Wilson (Ann Arbor, HRC, retired educator). Anthony Lewis (Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights). George Lyons. Mia Williams.
- b. Resolution of Terry Langston's Letter to HRC. The letter was drafted. Mr. Langston informed that HRC cannot accept complaint. Make referral to EEOC and DCR. Discussion on the role of HRC in investigations. Motion to accept the letter as written, Guinn. Second, Hunt. Unanimously passed.
 - c. Youth Council (YC) Update. Discuss the submittal of YC Fall objectives. Five new members. New objectives are being developed.
 - d. Next City Council Member Ward Meeting. A proposal to approach Ward 5 Councilperson Karen Bunnell. Letter has been sent to Councilperson.
 - e. Bright Walls – follow-up request from Ward 1 HRC Meeting.
 - f. Follow-up up discussion on training opportunities for the HRC. Consider mediation training (two Saturdays, consecutive; Willis will update next meeting). Motion to send, if possible, HRC Commissioners to Phoenix, AZ, for training, Johnson. Second, Hunt. Unanimously, approved.
 - g. Will convene a special meeting to make Harold White decisions. July 27, 2022, 6:00pm.
- X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Councilmember Robinson offered comments.
- XI. Commissioner's Comments.
- XII. Adjournment. 7:51. Motion to adjourn, Johnson, second, Dorsey. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted from my notes,
Robert W. VanSumeren
August 10, 2022