

## Human Relations Commission Zoom Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting was called at 6:03 by Cheryl Ragland
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Robert VanSumeren, Cheryl Ragland, Shalanda Hunt, Miriam Brown Dorsey, Maurice Imhoff, Karyl Baker, Arlene Robinson  
Absent: James Johnson (Excused: Job Fair)  
Staff: John Willis
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda by Miriam Brown Dorsey. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karyl Baker. Cheryl Ragland: Add D-Old Business (CPCO 1<sup>st</sup> reading from City Council)
- IV. Virtual Citizen Comments: None
- V. Guest Speakers: Louvenia Shack-Seals, Quest Southeast Jackson Lions Club
  - i. Currently have approximately 42 members
  - ii. Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> “Celebration of Life” event to honor those who died during Covid or to remember others that have passed during that time.
  - iii. Event will have guest speakers, vendors, food, crafts.
  - iv. Scheduled times for singing (12pm/2pm/4pm)
  - v. Pictures must be turned in by August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - vi. Quest is a new club. Their goal is to service the community.
  - vii. Vendor application- please contact Dorothy Johnson
- VI. Approval of Minutes (July): Motion to accept minutes by Maurice Imhoff 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert VanSumeren. Motion carried with amendments.
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - A. Nominating Committee
    - i. We have three applications in and ready to schedule interviews. (Guinn, Davis, and Green)
    - ii. Bethsemane Williams will send out a doodle poll to the nominating committee for availability to facilitate interviews.
  - B. Policy and Complaint Committee-
    - i. Currently no complaints for HRC. Possibly two are forthcoming. They are still going through the police process.
- VIII. Old Business-
  - A. Fair Chance Housing Ordinance-
    - i. The sub-committee met last week. John Willis is waiting for the correct posters to be printed. The sub-committee meets next week (August 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Miriam Brown Dorsey’s church).
    - ii. John Willis meets with the Landlord Association tomorrow (August 19, 2021) to inform them that they will hear from HRC soon and posters will be available on Monday.
  - B. Harold White Breakfast:
    - i. We voted on everything at previous meeting.
    - ii. The standardized letter was emailed today.
    - iii. Cheryl Ragland made a recommendation to modify the letter. Collectively, updates to the letter were made.

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- iv. Motion to accept standardized letter approval as amended by Shalanda Hunt. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurice Imhoff.
- C. Ex-Officio Vacancies-
  - i. Potential names provided by all commissioners.
  - ii. The following categories: Education, Business, and Social Services
  - iii. Cheryl Ragland provided Callie Masten (Business) from The Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Lezlie Bowles (Education) Baker College.
  - iv. Other names provided: Anthony Coffie, Haley Bourdeau, Monica Pierce
  - v. A motion to contact potential education candidates by Shalanda Hunt. 2<sup>nd</sup> and amended by Miriam Brown Dorsey.
- D. CPOC Update-
  - i. At the last meeting we were informed that the CPOC was going before the City Council for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Cheryl Ragland recognized that it was not on the agenda for last night's meeting and inquired why.
  - ii. John Willis was unable to provide an update but indicated that he would find out and follow up with the HRC.
- IX. New Business:
  - A. Interviews for Ex-Officio-
    - i. The nominating committee will update at the meeting next month.
- X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments-
  - A. Arlene Robinson offered a special thank you. Looking forward to getting back in the routine of things.
- XI. Commissioner Comments-
  - Robert VanSumeren- Sorry CPOC was not read.
  - Maurice Imhoff – Youth Council update?
  - John Willis provided an update on the Youth Council (events, activities, social media presence)
  - Miriam Brown Dorsey shared a brief overview about a book she is reading, encouraged others to read.
  - Shalanda Hunt-appreciate having a guest speaker today.
  - Karyl Baker-happy to see everyone. May need speakers to be used in the future
  - Cheryl Ragland good meeting!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Shalanda Hunt

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Miriam Brown Dorsey

Motion was carried unanimously:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shalanda Hunt