



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Time: 6:02 p.m.
Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order, 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call. Chairperson Cheryl Ragland, James Johnson, Jr., Miriam Brown Dorsey, Robert W. VanSumeren, Shalanda Hunt, present. Latrivia Guinn, Maurice Imhoff, excused absence. Also present Lt. Holly Rose, police liaison; John Willis, Chief Equity Officer; Arlene Robinson, City Council Member.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to approve by Dorsey. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously adopted.
- IV. Citizen Comments, none.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Dorsey, motion got adopted minutes. Second, Hunt.
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. Lt. Holly Rose. New recruit is doing well. JCPD hired two cadets. New officer has been hired. Officer Irwin has five days left. Female officer left... resigned. JCPD is running a youth program (G.R.E.A.T.) for anti-violence and to disrupt gang interest. In October and November, fall in-service for JCPD; will be doing active shooter training. Commissioners ask whether the department is actively trying to recruit minorities. Rose answers that efforts are being made. The JCPD offers a \$10k signing bonus.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has not yet schedule the interview with the applicant(s). An interview will be scheduled this month. The committee will email the applicant and explain the delay. Goal is to have candidates seated by November.
 - Project Development Committee. See below.

- Policy and Complaint Committee. No update.
- Public Relations/Communications Committee. No update.
- Public Events. No update.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Discussion – Harold White Breakfast
 - Sponsorship Updates. IBEW donated \$2,500.00. Event is on October 19. Motion to extend Sponsorship due date, October 7 from September 9, VanSumeren. Second, Dorsey. Unanimously passed.
 - Awards Nominations & Vote.
 - Outstanding Volunteer Award: Shirley Brown, \$:1. Jacob Inocensio, passed, 5:0. Dual awards, passed.
 - Diversity Award: Dr. Dan Phelan. Adopted. 4:1. votes positive.
 - Inclusion: Second nominee, did not advance. Gant (Nation Outside, Jackson Chapter), Passed. 5:0.
 - Final Menu Confirmation. Confirmed.
 - Letters to Award Winners. Willis will write.
 - Names for Award Winners (How they'll appear on award). Awardees will be notified.
 - Posters and Flyers. Are being finalized.
- b. Treasurer for HRC. Will update next month.

IX. New Business

- a. Youth Council Update. Will be touring the Jackson School of the Arts. Imhoff will recruit at JHS.
 - Discuss Fall Objectives
 - Plans for attracting new members
- b. Review commissioner's service term dates.
- c. NAACP. Motion to sponsor NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, October 9th, \$500, VanSumeren. Second, Brown. Unanimous.
- d. Affiliation with National HRC group. The group is to research and find examples of other groups for annual strategic planning

X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Councilperson A. Robinson, comments.

XI. Commissioner's Comments.

XII. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 7:43pm, VanSumeren . Second, Johnson. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted from my notes,
Robert W. VanSumeren
October 16, 2022