

Richfield Human Rights Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 2nd, 2017

Members present: Jeff Wright, Carrie Chillman, Swopnil Shrestha, Mark Westergaard,
Logan Schultz, Sarah Musgrave, Chara Blanch, Will Rukel,
Ben Sunderlin, Debbie Eng

Mike Koob – Public Safety Liaison

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Jeff Wright at 6:30pm.
2. Agenda approved, motion Westergaard, second Chillman.
3. April minutes approved, motion Westergaard, second Rukel.
4. No open public comment.
5. Reports:
 - a. In Sara's absence, Jeff gave the Chair's report:
Sara will be working on the HRC Annual Report for the City Council in June, encouraged members to send any input they would like included; she will review the report with the HRC before it's brought to the Council.
 - b. Secretary's report: none.
 - c. Vice-Chair report: Jeff re-capped the read-in on 4/25, thought it went well, those that attended agreed.
 - d. Liaison Reports:
 - Public Safety Liaison: none.
 - City Council Liaison: not in attendance.
 - School Board Liaison: not in attendance.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. CEDAW update; approved by City Council on 4/11/17, Mark highlighted the work of Grace (last name unknown) who brought this matter to the attention of the Commission in the first place.
 - b. Islam 101 event; note the correct date of 5/10/17; everything is finalized for this, Ben will flyer to group for distribution.
 - c. Community Engagement; Sara is waiting to hear back from Maria for a visit to Richfield Towers.
 - d. 4th of July; registration is complete, Ben/Will/Deb all may have lead on a car to use, Carrie will contact Rainbow for candy and local ACLU for pamphlets to distribute, Deb suggested fundraising for other needs for the parade, Chara stated the Social Justice Group may be interested in partnering with the Commission for the 4th and

- National Night Out, meeting to discuss further will be 5/6 at 2:00pm at Lakewinds, Jeff encouraged all to attend.
- e. Black Lives Matter resolution; a possible meeting on 5/7 to discuss further.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Jacobsen Award; discussion of candidates in context of criteria agreed upon last year, voting and selection of winner: Fraser
 - b. Housing Development/Preserving affordable housing in Richfield; will table until next meeting.
 - c. Planned Parenthood; Jeff will contact staff to inquire as to their need for action and report back next mtg.
 8. New Business/Announcements/Open Forum:
 - a. Unity in the Community; event will be on 5/25, suggestion that it be put on the agenda in advance to participate next year.
 - b. Night to Unit; tabled until next meeting.
 - c. Sara is working to secure a Community Engagement speaker for the June mtg. Jeff will contact her to see if he can help.
 - d. Google Docs Training; tabled until further notice.
 9. Next meeting will be 6/6/17.
 10. Adjournment at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by
Carrie Chillman
Secretary