

Richfield Human Rights Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 6th, 2017

Members Present: Sara Gumke, Carrie Chillman, Mark Westergaard, Sarah Musgrave,  
Chara Blanch, Matthew Kiflu, Grace Verbrugge, Ben Sunderlin

Mike Howard - City Council Liaison

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Sara Gumke at 6:40pm
2. Motion to approve agenda Blanch/seconded Westergaard; agenda approved.
3. Motion to approve 10/2017 minutes Westergaard/seconded Musgrave; minutes approved.
4. Open Public Comment: none.
5. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Sara welcomed our new Youth Commissioners, Matthew and Grace.
  - b. Secretary's report: none, but it was mentioned a few mistakes on the current roster, Carrie will correct and update.
  - c. Vice Chair's report: not in attendance.
  - d. Liaison Reports:
    - i. City Council Liaison: Mike H reported on a recent productive HRA work session, there was community attendance and people agreed on importance of affordable housing in Richfield.
    - ii. Sarah M reports from the last Transportation Commission meeting that work is being done for a Metro Transit D line in 2022 with stops in Richfield; there is another Transportation Commission open house on 11/29 at Wood Lake to discuss the Lyndale reconstruction, Mike H encouraged HRC members to attend.
    - iii. Chara is no longer available to attend the Community Services Commission, Grace volunteered to take over attending those meetings.
    - iv. Sara reports that there was no Comp Plan Advisory Committee since the HRC last met.
    - v. Jeff was not in attendance to report on the HRA meeting.
6. Committee/Project Reports
  - a. Trafficking presentation update: Mark confirmed details of venue and passed out flyer for HRC members to share, Sara G will send all commissions the flyer as well; HRC members are encouraged to share the event on social media and other networking sites, the flyer was also posted at a number of local businesses. HRC members are encouraged to attend, is it expected that RPD will be in attendance to show support and field questions/concerns from community members.

- b. Community Engagement update: dates and location haven't been confirmed for commission recruitment outreach efforts, email will be sent when these details are set.
  - c. Commission Demographic Survey update: there was a brief discussion of what the survey is and why it's done, Mike H talked about how helpful this survey is in assisting with city goals; the changes that were discussed at the last meeting were done, Ben suggested rearranging the opening statement to start with "this survey is voluntary". Sara G will make the last small changes and have the final draft done soon with the goal to have all commissions complete the survey by mid-December.
7. Unfinished Business
- a. ....
  - b. PMAC update: no new info, Mike H will follow-up soon.
  - c. Naturalization Event update: Mark let us know that the date is set for Feb 20th, 2018 but the venue has not been secured, subcommittee is looking at City Hall or Holy Angels; Carrie will join subcommittee.
  - d. ACLU pamphlets update: Deb was not in attendance to give any info on this.
8. New Business/Open Forum
- a. Discussion of next year's events: Mark suggested book reading at library with Dr. Jason Sole for Black History month; Sara G welcomed ideas for Women's History month as well as Pride; Grace suggested event for April's Genocide Awareness month involving an art exhibit tent with historical information; Sara G suggested event for Native American History month; Ben suggested guest speaker to discuss racial equality, Chara has a colleague whom she will contact.
9. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm.
10. Motion for adjournment Westergaard, seconded Sunderlin; meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.