

Richfield Human Rights Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 1st, 2018

Members Present: Mark Westergaard, Carrie Chillman, Cathy Stephens, Husniyah Dent Bradley, Sarah Musgrave, Ben Sunderlin, Matthew Kiflu .

Mike Koob - Public Safety Liaison

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Westergaard at 6:35pm.
2. Motion to approve agenda Dent Bradley/seconded Sunderlin; motion carried.
3. Motion to approve existing 4/18 minutes Musgrave/seconded Stephens; motion carried.
4. Open Public comment: none.
5. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Mark reports the speakers that we considered at the last meeting will not work for the RHRC but the Bloomington HRC or the League of Women Voters likely will host her, Mark will keep us posted of dates and possible collaboration.
  - b. Secretary's report: none.
  - c. Vice Chair's report: not in attendance.
  - d. Liaison reports: none.
6. New Business
  - a. Vote on Citizen of the Year: Review and discussion of one application, the group voted unanimously in favor.
  - b. 2018 planning calendar: Mark presented undated HRC event calendar, he suggests a subcommittee to be involved with the Pride event attendance, Mark also suggested partnering with others for bandshell events-if anyone has any contacts who may be interested please let him know
  - c. Online web page: Mark brought up the idea/need to update the HRC website to keep current and add an avenue for people to make comments; idea was tabled for now
  - d. Change of date for July meeting: Due to the July 4th holiday the meeting will be on the 12th in the same room.
  - e. Change of date for August meeting: Due to National Night out the meeting will be on the 9th in the Babcock Room.
7. Unfinished Business
  - a. Islam 101 event: has been moved to the fall, still looking for venue and to secure a speaker.
  - b. Human Trafficking Forum: scheduled for Nov 1st at RHS, City Council and Matt are speaking with school officials to generate early interest and help with this; school admin has said that the only way it can be help at the HS is if there is student involvement.
  - c. 2019 speaker series idea: Ben recapped the meeting the subcommittee held, the key ....are to be inclusive, the need for partnering, and a deep delve into the topic(s) which have been identified for now as being Women's, African American,

and Latino histories. A purpose statement was developed: The mission of the RHS Speaker series is to develop awareness, consciousness, and critical thought among the Richfield student body and broader community on a range of social issues by bringing forth transformative perspectives, ideas, and dialogue. Our goal is to advance the values of diversity, inclusivity, and equity, thereby affirming the worth of all people. Next steps have been identified to include speaking with the school and others to gain early support. The next meeting to discuss further is 5/20/18 at Lakewinds.

8. Announcements/Open Forum: Ben announced event at Brave New Workshop event (topics involve racial justice) at the end of May and invited others to join him.
9. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30pm.
10. Motion for adjournment: Musgrave/seconded Sunderlin, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.