



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
5:30 PM

Regular

Conference Room 1A
701 E Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amanda Hinnant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Amanda Hinnant
Meera Sood
Stephanie Yoakum
Penny Kuhns-Knarr
Paige Lubbering
Astrid Villamil
Liz Townsend Bird

Excused:

None

Staff:

D'Andre Thompson

Members of the Public:

None

Present: 7 - Amanda Hinnant, Meera Sood, Astrid Villamil, Stephanie Yoakum, Paige Lubbering, Penny Kuhns-Knarr and Liz Townsend Bird

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the agenda. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes from 09 02 2025

Attachments: [09 September 02 HRC Meeting Minutes-Draft](#)

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the draft minutes from 09 02 2025. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The Motion passed based on a majority vote. Liz Townsend Bird Abstained

Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes 09 02 2025

Amanda Hinnant motioned to approved the Closed Meeting Minutes from 09 02 2025. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Hinnant, Sood, Villamil, Lubbering and Kuhns-Knarr

Abstain: 2 - Yoakum and Townsend Bird

V. OLD BUSINESS

Review Proposed changes for Chapter 12-57 of the Code of Ordinances

Staff advised that the amendment to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances will go before Council during the next City Council meeting on Monday, October 20th.

Public Sanitary Facilities

Staff advised that Parks & Recreation Department is still working to determine when a report will be available to Council to locate where a potential facility will be located. Staff also advised that City Leadership will be exploring an Urban Camping ordinance to ensure there is clarity of who can camp on the park grounds legally.

Missouri Human Rights Commission Outreach Event in March, 2026

Staff indicated that they will continue to reach out to the MCHR to determine if they would be available to participate in presentation to the public about how they conduct their complaint process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

HREP Proposals

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the National History Day HREP request for \$100.00. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the Hickman High (Tibetan Culture with Champa Lhunpo) HREP request for 500.00. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

HRC Budget Update

Staff went over the FY25 budget and what was expended with the Commission.

Staff also advised that the budget for FY26 was approved based on the recommendation from the Commission.

VII. REPORTS

CPRB

Stephanie Yoakum indicated that she is currently participating in Civic Academy through the City. She also indicated that she will be attending the NACOLE conference in Indianapolis and will provide an update upon her return. Amanda Hinnant moved to reappoint Stephanie Yoakum as the liaison for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Meera Sood seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Other Reports

The Commission discussed Mid Missouri Pride Fest and how the weekend of festivities went. The Commission discussed what days they would be willing to participate and vendor in for next year's festival. The Commission also discussed

updating literature since there will be some changes to upcoming ordinance.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

IX. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session at this time since there are no open cases.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting November 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Meera Sood seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

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