



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
5:30 PM

Regular

City Hall
Room 1A
701 East Broadway
Columbia, Missouri

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: 7 - Amanda Hinnant, Meera Sood, Cheryl Miller, Astrid Villamil, Diamond Scott, Stephanie Yoakum and Paige Lubbering

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Amanda Hinnant

Paige Lubbering

Astrid Villamil

Diamond Scott

Cheryl Miller

Stephanie Yoakum

Meera Sood

Staff: Kristin Mengwasser

Williams and Lori Acton from Love Columbia, and multiple members of the public were present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the agenda. Diamond Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda, motion was approved unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes November 7, 2023 Draft

Attachments: [11 Nov 07 Human Rights Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the minutes, Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Jane Williams, Love Columbia

Jane Williams and Lori Acton from Love Columbia presented on affordable housing, and source of income discrimination, and discussed the following:

- Possible ways of education in the inspection process
- Rent being increased as possible backlash to source of income
- Homeowners Associations prohibiting vouchers
- Legislation tied to federal funding

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Human Rights Commission Representative to the Citizen Police Review Board

No members are interested in this role, this item was tabled to the January meeting.

Inclusionary Policy

Stephanie Yoakum discussed her research, specifically Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia, and communities incentivizing development.

Rack Card

Staff to correct the alphabetization of protected categories and send edits back out to members.

HREP Promotions

Meera Sood to reach out to Michelle Baumstark (CPS), members to reach out to the organizer of unbound.

Fillable discrimination form on website.

This topic was discussed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Listening Session (Library)

Members discussed possible dates, topics, and co-sponsors for their March listening events.

March 9 was determined to be a good date, pending availability, Paige to reach out to library to determine availability.

Sanctuary City Discussion

Diamond Scott moved to move forward with recommending a sanctuary city ordinance, Paige Lubbering seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meera Sood moved for Chair to draft a report for council, Diamond Scott seconded the motion. Chair to email staff for distribution, and the goal is to put the report on the December 19, 2023 agenda.

VIII. REPORTS

CPRB

There was no CPRB update

Education and Outreach

Outreach discussed the diversity breakfast, and prior funding of this event.

Amanda Hinnant moved to fund the diversity breakfast, Meera Sood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Reports

There were no other reports.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Pat Fowler discussed EPA federal funding, the need for public bathrooms, water issues raised by the Office of Sustainability. Kriss Jones also discussed the connection between water and public health.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting January 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

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