



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Regular

Room 1A/1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amanda Hinnant called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: 5 - Amanda Hinnant, Astrid Villamil, Diamond Scott, Stephanie Yoakum and Paige Lubbering

Excused: 2 - Meera Sood and Cheryl Miller

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Amanda Hinnant

Astrid Villamil

Stephanie Yoakum

Paige Lubbering

Diamond Scott

Excused:

Cheryl Miller

Meera Sood

Staff: Kristin Mengwasser and D'Andre Thompson

Reporter from the Missourian

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

Draft Minutes from January 17, 2024

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the minutes, Diamond Scott seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval Closed Minutes from January 17, 2024

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the closed meeting minutes, Astrid

Villamil seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Human Rights Commission Representative to the Citizen Police Review Board

A member is interested in this role, however, this item was tabled to the March meeting as there are potentially two new commissioners beginning that date.

Sanctuary City Legislation Update

Staff advised the safe haven legislation was presented last evening for first read, and second reading later this month. Staff advised there is a potential for discussion on the legislation at this meeting.

Rack Card, prior order number and remaining copies

Amanda moved to spend \$250 on rack card and business cards. Astrid Villamil seconded, motion passed.

HREP Promotions

Staff updated commissioners on the various ways city staff can educate and update the public on current commission events and news.

Library Listening Session Press Release

Members worked together on a press release to send out February 22, 2024. Members discussed possible facilitators.

Amanda moved to spend the same amount as 2022 on cookies and coffee from Hyvee, Diamond Scott seconded.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Juneteenth

Staff advised on the meeting of the advisory council, stake holder meeting, the advisory council will be reviewing applications in March.

Discussion of Love Columbia's speaker from the December 2023 meeting

Members discussed the topics of voucher discrimination, shortening the complaint form.

Budget Update

The FY2024 budget was previously emailed out to members.

Complaint Form-use of handicap versus disability

use of handicap

HREP Proposal

The members discussed the recent HREP proposal. Amanda moved to fund the

concert, in the amount of \$500. Diamond Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

CPRB

There was no CPRB update.

Education and Outreach

Outreach did not meet this month, the outreach committee will be paused.

Other Reports

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Diversity breakfast - Staff distributed tickets to the Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast, and will email all members about remaining tickets. Stephanie discussed discriminatory rental advertisements.

IX. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session to Discuss Pending Cases Pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

At 6:22 p.m., Amanda Hinnant moved to adjourn open session and to go into closed session to discuss pending cases pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Meera Sood seconded the motion. The motion passed with Astrid Villamil, Meera Sood, Stephanie Yoakum, and Amanda Hinnant voting in favor of the motion. No one voted against the motion. At 6:23 p.m., the Commission adjourned the open session of the meeting and went into closed session.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting March 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

March 9, 2024 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Listening Session at the Library.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

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