



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Commission on Human Rights

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
5:30 PM

Regular

Conference Room 1C  
701 E Broadway  
Columbia, MO

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amanda Hinnant called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

##### Introductions

##### Present:

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

Staff: D'Andre Thompson, Becky Thompson

##### Members of the Public:

Joseph Facticeau  
Susan Renee Carter  
Meg Gipson  
Lori Wern  
Kriss Jones

##### Excused:

Astrid Villamil

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes from 10 01 2024

**Attachments:** [10 October 01 HRC Meeting Minutes-Draft](#)

Amanda Hinnant motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Meera Sood seconded

the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes 10 01 2024

**Amanda moved to approved the closed meeting minutes. Stephanie seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 6 - Hinnant, Sood, Yoakum, Lubbering, Kuhns-Knarr and Townsend Bird

**Excused:** 1 - Villamil

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast

Staff advised about the process for secure a table for the Celebration event. Meera Sood made a motion to secure 4 individual tickets. Penny Kuhns-Knarr seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

### Commissioners' revision to the Complaint Form

Staff provided updates to the Commission about the changes to the complaint form. Meg Gipson had a question about the process for submitting a complaint form. The Commissioners provided overview of the process for clarification.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### Guest Speaker – Becky Thompson (Neighborhood & Housing Services Director)

Becky Thompson, Neighborhood & Housing Services Director, provided an overview of the department and the services offered to the public. Affordable Housing, Development, and Zoning code were areas that was brought up. Down payment assistance programs, Becky brought up some of the requirements with banks before individuals can qualify for assistance. Office of Neighborhood Services, residential code enforcement based on compliance or administrative abatement. Land Bank was an opportunity that was mentioned. Rental Inspections will be renewed every 5 years. Volunteer program, supports over 10 City Departments and over 90 programs. CDBG and HOME funding, has to be spent with low-income households, community facilities, economic and workforce development programs, and revitalization. ARPA funds, went to affordable housing projects and weatherization grant program. Policy changes, existing substandard lots, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), Small lot integration. Meg Gipson asked about CDBG and HOME funds available for older homes to revitalize. Becky mentioned options with ARPA funds and CDBG and HOME funds for weatherization. Boone County House Study, Upward Mobility Action Plan influenced joint housing study with Boone County and the City of Columbia. Becky mentioned the affordable housing fund, but mentioned that the City is needing to identify a dedicated revenue source to fund for projects.

### HREP Proposals

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposal from the Daniel Boone Regional Library for addressing food insecurity through library outreach. Amanda Hinnant motioned to approve \$500 for the program. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Paige Lubbering abstained from the

vote.

### Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2024

Staff went over the budget for fiscal year 2024 which included transactions for contractual services, printing, food, etc. Commissioners mentioned wanting to review the budget to better understand line items that we utilized throughout the fiscal year.

## VII. REPORTS

### CPRB

Stephanie Yoakum mentioned that the CPRB is currently on hold as they are looking to bring on new members. Susan Renee Carter mentioned PERF standards. The Commissioners mentioned wanting to know more about police pursuits and the policy standards. Staff pulled up the CPD policy for the Commissioners to view.

### Other Reports

No other reports at this time.

## VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Staff mentioned the City's Strategic Plan and the work being done through the Inclusive & Equitable Communities priority area, and that Human Rights outreach has been identified as an opportunity to support the public learning more about human rights protections through the City. Kriss Jones mentioned wanting the Commission and staff to look into potential complaints for source of income violations being lost or not properly received. Meg Gipson and Lori Wern mentioned mobile showers for the unhoused population. Stephanie Yoakum mentioned the COMO Mobile-Aid Collective shower program.

## IX. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

**Meera Sood moved to go into closed session at 7:08 p.m. Amanda Hinnant seconded the motion.**

**Amanda Hinnant moved to come out of closed session at 7:32 p.m. Meera Sood seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 6 - Hinnant, Sood, Yoakum, Lubbering, Kuhns-Knarr and Townsend Bird

**Excused:** 1 - Villamil

## X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting December 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant motioned to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Meera Sood seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn unanimously passed.

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