



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

5:30 PM

Regular

Conference Room 1C

701 E Broadway

Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Amanda Hinnant

Meera Sood

Stephanie Yoakum

Penny Kuhns-Knarr

Paige Lubbering

Astrid Villamil

Excused:

Liz Townsend Bird

Staff:

D'Andre Thompson

Members of the Public:

Maria Vanstadan

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 08 05 2025

Attachments: [08 August 05 HRC Meeting Minutes-Draft](#)

Amanda Hinnant moved to approve the draft minutes from 08 05 2025. Stephanie Yoakum seconded the motion. The Motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes 08 05 2025

Amanda Hinnant motioned to approved the Closed Meeting Minutes from 08 05 2025. Meera Sood seconded the motion. Penny Kuhns moved to amend the closed meeting minutes to remove her name as she was not present.

Yes: 4 - Hinnant, Sood, Yoakum and Kuhns-Knarr

Excused: 3 - Villamil, Lubbering and Townsend Bird

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Report to the City Council regarding recommended changes to Chapter 12 of Code of Ordinances

The Commission discussed the proposed revisions to Chapter 12 of the City Code of Ordinances that will go before the City Council for approval. Staff will provide an update to the Commission once the report has been properly shared with the City Council.

Public Sanitary Facilities

Staff indicated that the Parks & Recreation Department will be putting together a report to be shared with the City Council, which at that point will be provided to the Commission. The purpose of the report will be to provide an update on the potential location and scope of a 24 hour restroom facility at an appropriate park.

Missouri Human Rights Commission Outreach Event in October

Staff will continue to reach out to MCHR to try to figure out an appropriate time to host the event since there has been some difficulty with correspondence with the department about availability. Staff proposed to the Commission that the event could be a part of their normal outreach in March (2026).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Changes to the Source of Income protections due to HB 595

Staff advised that the new law has indeed passed and that they will need to work with City Leadership to propose necessary changes to the language pertaining to Source of Income within the City's Code of Ordinances.

HREP Proposals

Stephanie Yoakum made a motion to approve the \$200.00 request MidMo Pridefest HREP Proposal. Amanda Hinnant seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Staff will send out the HREP Proposal request from Missouri National Archives for National History Day competition in February, 2026.

IX. REPORTS

CPRB

Stephanie Yoakum mentioned that the CPRB is back up to their full board. She also gave an update for a case that involved a potential suicide call near Stephens Lake Park.

Other Reports

The Commission will move to not pursue a letter to the Attorney General regarding DEI policies at the City of Columbia.

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

XI. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Meera Sood moved to go into closed session at 6:20 p.m. Amanda Hinnant

seconded the motion.

Amanda Hinnant motioned to come out of closed session at 7:50 p.m. Meera Sood seconded the motion.

Yes: 6 - Hinnant, Sood, Villamil, Yoakum, Lubbering and Kuhns-Knarr

Excused: 1 - Townsend Bird

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting October 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Meera Sood seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

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