City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission on Human Rights

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:30 PM	Regular	Room 1C

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present:
Amanda Hinnant
Paige Lubbering
Liz Townsend Bird
Penny Kuhns-Knarr
Meera Sood
Astrid Villamil

Members of the Public:
Eugene Elkin

Excused:
Stephanie Yoakum
Paige Lubbering

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amanda Hinnant motioned to approve the agenda. Meera Sood seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft minutes from 08 22 2024

Attachments: 08 August 22 HRC Meeting Minutes-Draft

Amanda Hinnant approved the draft minutes from August 22nd. Penny Kuhns-Knarr seconded motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes 08 22 2024

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

Yes: 4 - Hinnant, Sood, Kuhns-Knarr and Townsend Bird

Excused: 3 - Villamil, Yoakum and Lubbering

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners' revision to the Complaint Form

Staff indicated that they have spoken with the Law Department about the requested revisions and advised that they will confirm with the Law Department that revisions requested be updated by the October meeting for final spot check before the final version goes live.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mid-MO Pride Fest Planning

The Commissioners confirmed their schedule for supporting the booth during the event. Amanda Hinnant motioned to approve a written document to promote involvement in Pride Fest be sent to staff within the appropriate time for Creative Services to advertise. Liz Townsend Bird seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

City Listservs (Email List)

Staff indicated that they have spoken with the Housing & Neighborhood Services Department and they would be willing to send out announcements or notification regarding the Commission on Human Rights if that announcement aligns with the department's mission and vision. Staff advised that if the Commissioners would like to request an announcement or notification go out through a department listserv channel then staff can work with that department's director to get approval for that announcement if it aligns with that department's mission and vision.

Status of Invitations to Food Bank and Neighborhood Services

Penny Kuhns-Knarr indicated that Jennifer Savage with the Food Bank would be availability to come for the October 1st meeting and share information with the Commission. Becky Thompson (Housing & Neighborhood Services Director) will attend the meeting on November 6th to share more about the Housing & Neighborhood Services Department.

VII. REPORTS

CPRB

No report at this time.

Other Reports

No new reports at this time.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin came to speak to the commissioners about the unhoused population. He spoke about accessibility to the public restrooms. Eugene Indicated that he was denied access to the public restroom due to an interaction with the unhoused population overtaking the space.

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.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting October 1, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Hinnant moved to go into closed session at 6:40 p.m. Penny Kuhns-Knarr seconded the motion.
Meera Sood moved to come out of closed session at 6:52 p.m. Amanda Hinnant seconded the motion.

Yes: 5 - Hinnant, Sood, Villamil, Kuhns-Knarr and Townsend Bird

Excused: 2 - Yoakum and Lubbering

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