



**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 5th Floor, Council Chambers, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101.

Commissioners Present

Jim Anderson
Julie Berens
Mary Day
Tracy Everett
Sue Hartwell
Richard Moore
Steele Welcher
Tracy Winters

Staff Present

Lana Becker
Paul Flemming
Sharon Holder
Karen Mackey
Jessica Ryan
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Commissioners Absent

Jean Graham (excused)
Scott Raasch (excused)

Staff Absent

Lynn Zerschling (excused)

1. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by Tracy Everett, Chairperson, at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2018, meeting.

Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

3. Closed Session

Sr. Day moved to go into closed session of the Commission to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) or (f) or federal law to be kept confidential. Ms. Berens seconded. All voted in favor.

Reverend Moore moved to return to open session, Ms. Berens seconded. All voted in favor.

After returning to open session, Mr. Anderson moved to accept staff's no probable cause recommendation, in Case 11-1438; Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

In Case 11-1411 Sr. Day moved to accept staff's no probable cause recommendation, Reverend Moore seconded. All voted in favor.

In Case 11-1437 Mr. Anderson moved to accept staff's pre-determination settlement recommendation, Ms. Winters seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

a. Race, Privilege and Our Community (February 27, 2018)

The Sioux City Human Rights Commission and the NAACP will sponsor the forum "Race, Privilege and Our Community" on Tuesday, February 27th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum. The forum is free and open to the public but you must RSVP by Friday, February 23rd. Light refreshments will be served.

b. Faces of Siouxland (April 2, 2018)

Faces of Siouxland will be held on Sunday, April 8th, from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Sioux City Convention Center. Mr. Flemming stated that we have secured several entertainers but asked Commissioners to help find additional groups. Ms. Mackey stated that Mr. Raasch will schedule media interviews but will need Commissioners to do them. Sr. Day stated that she would be willing to do help.

5. Staff reports

A copy of the Directors' report was included in the monthly packet.

Ms. Mackey stated that our budget hearing will be on Saturday, February 3rd, at 8:25 a.m. She stated that she met with the City Manager and Finance Director and asked for additional money for the Faces of Siouxland Multi-Cultural Fair. They denied her request even though she advised that several City Council members had encouraged her to ask for more funding during the budget review process. Ms. Mackey asked the Commission if they would be willing to solicit sponsorships to help defray the costs. The sponsors would need to be outside of Sioux City so to avoid any conflicts.

Ms. Mackey stated that the Commission received a thank you letter from Dick Owens who was honored as a recipient of the 2017 War Eagle Awards.

Ms. Mackey stated that the NAACP will have its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, February 17th, at the Sioux City Convention Center.

Ms. Mackey stated that the Siouxland Community Health Center has received funding to purchase a "Shower Wagon" for people to take showers, do laundry, and get their blood pressure checked. The wagon will connect to a fire hydrant and will have a water heater.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lana Becker, Administrative Secretary