



**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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 (in at 5:34)
Julie Berens
Mary Day
Tracy Everett
Jean Graham
Patricia Hartwell
Nia Key
Richard Moore (in at 5:37)
Steele Welcher

Staff Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Scott Raasch (excused)
Tracy Winters (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 February 1, 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 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Berens moved to return to open session, Sr. Day seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

a. 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 ten acts so the entertainment is full. We currently have 38 vendors registrations. KMEG will again be the emcee for this year's event. Mr. Raasch will be back in town next week and will start lining up radio and television interviews. We will use all three galleries this year and the food vendors will be in the hallway.

b. Joint Meeting with City Council (May 9, 2018)

The annual Joint Meeting with City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at Noon, in the Lower Level Conference Room in City Hall.

c. Gay Pride Picnic (June 9, 2018)

The Gay Pride Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 9, at Chris Larsen Park. This will be an opportunity for LGBT Fair Housing education. A lunch will be provided. The Human Rights Commission is the sponsor.

5. Staff reports

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

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

Ms. Mackey stated that there will be a "Marching for Our Lives" event on March 24, here in Sioux City.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lana Becker, Administrative Secretary