



**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 5, 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

Mary Day
Tracy Everett
Jean Graham
Patricia Hartwell
Nia Key
Richard Moore
Steele Welcher

Staff Present

Karen Mackey
Sharon Holder
Jessica Ryan
Lynn Zerschling
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Commissioners Absent

Jim Anderson (excused)
Julie Berens (excused)
Scott Raasch (unexcused)
Tracy Winters (excused)

Staff Absent

Paul Flemming (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 March 1, 2018, meeting.

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

3. Closed Session

Ms. Graham 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. Reverend Moore seconded. All voted in favor.

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

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Faces of Siouxland (April 8, 2018)

Faces of Siouxland will be held on Sunday, April 8th, from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Sioux City Convention Center. Ms. Mackey shared that we have 83 vendors registrations and 6 food vendors, a significant increase of last year's registrations. The tiered registration fees for non-profit and for-profit groups and additional vendors were enough to cover the rental of the additional gallery. A full roster of entertainment is slated, though one act may need to withdraw due to an illness and weather concerns. We have secured a number of student volunteers from local colleges. We plan to use them to help with vendor setup and in the kid's space.

b. Landlord/Property Manager training

We normally hold the Landlord/Property Manager training in April but the scope of Faces, coupled with our current staff shortage, has hindered our ability to plan multiple events simultaneously. We anticipate being fully staffed by the end of the month. We are evaluating possible times to hold the training, including early May.

c. 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. Lunch will be provided.

d. 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. There will be an organizational fair at the picnic. There is no fee to register for a booth.

5. Staff reports

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

Ms. Mackey spoke of her meeting with community members to develop a leadership program for disenfranchised groups. Schedule and childcare concerns are being considered. The group is looking toward fall as a program launch date.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary