



**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 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
Nia Key
Scott Raasch
Tracy Winters

Staff Present

Karen Mackey
Sharon Holder
Jessica Ryan
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Commissioners Absent

Jim Anderson (Excused)
Julie Berens (Excused)
Sue Hartwell (Excused)
Steele Welcher (Excused)

Staff Absent

Izamar Carrillo
Paul Flemming
Lynn Zerschling

1. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2018, meeting.

Hearing no additions or corrections, Ms. Day moved to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2018, meeting; Ms. Graham seconded. All voted in favor. Minutes stand approved.

3. Closed Session

Ms. Mackey stated that there was no need to go into closed session as there were no cases to discuss.

Ms. Anstey stated that the case discussed the previous month is still working toward a settlement.

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Civil Rights Academy- Voting Accessibility (October 24, 2018 12 & 4 p.m.)

The Human Rights Commission is partnering with Disability Resource Center to hold two events on voter accessibility. The sessions will be held on the same day at the Sioux City Public Museum. The need for two sessions was communicated by the community to better accommodate scheduling and transportation needs. Holding two sessions will also help determine which time of day is best to hold events in the future. Disability Rights Iowa will have a representative at the Noon session. The League of Women voters will have staff there to register people to vote. The discussion will touch on early voting, the rules on accessibility, new voter ID rules and other topics. A light lunch will be provided free of charge.

b. Morningside College Presentation (October 17, 2018)

Ms. Mackey shared that Jane Elliott will be giving a presentation at Morningside College. The details have not yet been released but the evening event will be open to the public and held at Morningside College on October 17, 2018.

c. Commissioner's Retreat (TBD)

Ms. Mackey stated that the date for the Commissioner's retreat is still being finalized as late November is not going to be possible due to the rescheduling of the HUD National Fair Housing Training. The training was originally slated for September, but was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. It will likely be scheduled after the first of the year.

d. Universal Human Rights Day (December 10, 2018)

Universal Human Rights Day will be on Monday, December 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Sioux City Museum. We have nominee applications in our office and online. Nominees will be presented at the November meeting and voted on. Nominees should be individuals or organizations that positive affect human rights in the Siouxland area in the last year or for a lifetime of work.

5. Staff Reports

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

Ms. Mackey discussed the comparatively low number of forms handed out in September to recent months. Ms. Mackey states that there are several instances in which potential complaints come in or call to discuss possible discrimination but decide to wait on filing.

6. Old Business

Ms. Day shared her experience at the Convoy of Hope event. It was a well-attended event despite the heat. There were more patrons early in the day likely due to the weather.

7. New Business

a. Annual Report

Ms. Mackey presented the 2018 Annual Report for the Commission to review. Ms. Day moved to accept the report with corrections to be made. Ms. Everett seconded.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary