

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019

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

Julie Berens
Mary Day
Tracy Everett
Patricia Hartwell
Rev. Richard Moore
Nia Key
Don Scarlett
Robert Stewart
Steele Welcher
Tracy Winters

Commissioners Absent

Jim Anderson (excused)

Staff Present

Sharon Holder
Karen Mackey
Jessica Ryan
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Staff Absent

Lynn Zerschling (excused)
Izamar Carrillo (excused)

1. Roll call - Meeting was called to order by Tracy Everett, Chairperson, at 5:32 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Meeting.

Ms. Berens moved to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2019, meeting; Mr. Scarlett seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Closed Session

Ms. 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. Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted in favor.

Rev. Moore moved to return to open session, Ms. Hartwell seconded. All voted in favor.

After returning to open session, Ms. Winters moved to accept staff's no probable cause recommendation, in Case 11-1416; Ms. Berens seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Landlord and Property Manager Workshop (April 11, 2019)

Ms. Mackey stated the upcoming LLPMW would be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. There are currently 17 people signed up to attend. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Representatives from Legal Aid, Inspection Services and Housing will present as well. Groups of 4 or more received a discount.

- b. Protecting Places of Worship Forum (April 25, 2019)

In partnership with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, there will be a panel discussion centered around safety and security of places of worship on Thursday, April 25th. It will be held at the Sioux City Public Museum from 5:30-8:30 p.m. It is free and open to the

public. A small meal will be provided. Pre-registration is requested and it is especially important that commissioners inform the office of their attendance so that we can post a gathering notice. Ms. Everett mentioned the importance of sharing one's interest in our events on Facebook as a means of promotion for events.

c. Sioux City Pride Picnic (June 8, 2019)

Ms. Mackey shared that the Pride Picnic will be held again at the big shelter on the water front at Chris Larsen Park on Saturday, June 8, 2019. The week following will be the Asian Fest. We will have tables at both events.

5. Staff reports

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

Ms. Mackey noted that the Faces of Siouxland Multicultural Fair on Sunday went well. Attendance was difficult to track exactly in the gallery; however, the atrium and food vendors were very busy. All of the food vendors were very pleased with the response. Unlike in previous years, most participants stayed until the 4:00 p.m. mark. Ms. Day suggested improvements for performances and sound system. Ms. Mackey suggested that other options for venues will be explored.

The annual joint meeting with City Council will take place at Noon on May 8, 2019, in the lower level conference room in City Hall; lunch will be provided.

Ms. Everett discussed commissioners sharing input on future Civil Rights events and asked that commissioners share ideas they may have for upcoming events.

6. Old Business

Ms. Everett inquired about the memorial from former commissioner Royce Barnum. Ms. Mackey stated that there had not yet been any word on the donation or its designation. Ms. Everett highlighted the need for a template form designating any future donations or gifts to the commission.

7. New Business

Ms. Mackey shared that the Davenport Civil Rights Commission has a case that has gone to the Iowa Court of Appeals. Once a decision is made on the case, it will be shared with the commission.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary