

**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 2, 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

Jim Anderson
Julie Berens (Vice Chair)
Mary Day
Tracy Everett (Chair)
Patricia Hartwell
Nia Key
Rev. Richard Moore
Steele Welcher

Commissioners Absent

Don Scarlett (excused)
Robert Stewart (unexcused)
Tracy Winters (excused)

Staff Present

Karen Mackey
Sharon Holder
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 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 Meeting.

Ms. Day moved to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting; Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Closed Session

Mr. Moore 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.

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

After returning to open session, Mr. Anderson moved to accept staff's recommendation of a Probably Cause finding in Case 11-1485 and authorize further action if a successful resolution is not reached; Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

a. Cinco De Mayo (May 5, 2019)

Ms. Mackey stated there will be a first annual Cinco De Mayo community celebration Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Dible Soccer Complex in South Sioux City, NE. The event will run from 12 pm – 7:00 p.m. Izamar will staff the Human Rights Commission table from Noon – 4:00 p.m. Additional help is needed to staff the table for the remaining time 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

b. Joint Meeting (May 8, 2019)

The annual Joint Meeting with City Council will be held in the Lower-Level conference room in City Hall on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 over the noon hour.

c. Sioux City Pride Events (May 31- June 15, 2019)

Ms. Mackey shared that in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, there will be several community events in June. The Human Rights Commission (HRC) will again have a table at the Pride Picnic. The picnic will be held at the big shelter on the water front at Chris Larsen Park on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Help is requested to staff the HRC table at the picnic

d. Asian Festival (June 15, 2019)

The 7th annual Asian Festival will be held at Riverside Park. Help is requested staffing that table as well.

5. Staff reports

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

Ms. Mackey reminded those commissioners with terms expiring that are eligible for reappointment that applications are available with the city clerk.

6. Old Business

Ms. Mackey shared that the Protecting Places of Worship Forum went very well. The forum was well attended and the feedback on the presentation was very positive.

7. New Business

The trafficking forum that was being discussed for early Summer 2019 will be held in August to better tie-in with back to school time. Ms. Hartwell addressed the need to alert the public over concerns about public safety on city buses. Ms. Day discussed reaching out to a community liaison to discuss those concerns.

Ms. Mackey stated that there may be a need to hold a special meeting in late June. Details will be forthcoming.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary