



**HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 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)
Tracy Everett (Chair)
Patricia Hartwell
Nia Key
Robert Stewart
Steele Welcher
Tracy Winters

Staff Present

Karen Mackey
Sharon Holder
Jessica Ryan
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Staff Absent

Lynn Zerschling (excused)
Izamar Carrillo (excused)

Commissioners Absent

Mary Day (excused)
Rev. Richard Moore (excused)
Tracy Winters (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 May 2, 2019 Meeting.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2019, meeting; Ms. Berens seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Closed Session

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

Ms. Berens 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 11-1472; Mr. Stewart seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Anderson moved to accept staff's Probable Cause finding recommendation, in Case 11-1474; Ms. Winters seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

- a. Sioux City Pride Picnic (June 8, 2019)

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. There will be free food and an organizational fair.

b. Asian Festival (June 15, 2019)

The 7th annual Asian Festival will be held at Riverside Park. Any commissioners interested in volunteering or attending, please let staff know so that a gathering notice can be posted.

c. Trafficking Forum (TBD)

Ms. Mackey shared that Ms. Day is working on the information to be presented at the forum in August. Information will be forthcoming.

d. National Night Out (TBD)

While a date is not yet known, commission members will be asked to help staff tables at the various locations. There will be emails sent with details once they are known.

e. Stonewall to Sioux City (June 12, 2019)

Ms. Mackey shared that the commission will be holding a forum on how the LGBT civil rights movement has impacted the local community. There will be a showing of the PBS documentary and a discussion to follow. That will be held at the Sioux City Public Museum from 6-8:30 p.m.

5. Staff reports

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

Ms. Mackey advised that there will not be a July meeting but that there may need to be a special meeting of the commission later in the month of June.

Ms. Mackey discussed the hiring of two summer interns. One intern is funded through Tyson and Campus Compact. She will focus on outreach events. The other intern will assist in outreach and further community engagement.

6. Old Business

Ms. Berens shared that the Joint Meeting was successful.

7. New Business

Ms. Mackey shared that she was approached by a citizen on the February 2, 2009 city council resolution defining the legal definition of marriage. The citizen would like the action rescinded. Mr. Anderson motioned to request council action to rescind the February 2, 2009 resolution. Ms. Hartwell seconded. All commissioners agreed.

An email will be sent to commissioners about the date the Request will be addressed.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary