

MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING – JUNE 3, 2024

Date and time: 06/03/2024 05:15 pm

Present: Adrienne Lindsey, LeWanda Jackson, Norlian Vickers, Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp, Mayor Steve F. Myers, Director of Administration Courtney L. Doyle, and City Clerk Kathie Ratliff

Absent: Tom Clapp

Visitors: Carmen Brandt

Location: Fulton City Hall Executive Conference Room

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. with Norlian Vickers presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken. There were four members present, one absent (Clapp). Quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision Motion was made by LeWanda Jackson and Seconded by Adrienne Lindsey to approve the minutes from April 29, 2024 as corrected. All in favor.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award Discussion

Vickers asked about making Sherry McBride the winner, and Lindsey agreed. Vickers suggested this could honor Sherry's contributions and reintegrate movement into the program.

Director Doyle noted that the Human Rights Commission usually has a budget for such events, but none was submitted this year. Doyle mentioned that to allocate funds for 2025 events, approvals need to happen by the end of the year.

Discussion followed regarding the presentation, especially given the posthumous nature of the recognition. Lindsey suggested using a plaque. Director Doyle proposed presenting the plaque and recognition at a city council meeting, alongside acknowledgment from the Human Rights Commission. Jackson agreed with this approach.

MOTION was made by Jackson and Seconded by Lindsey to present the 2024 Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian award to Sherry McBride Brown at a future council meeting with the original announcement of 2024 winner at the Juneteenth Event.

Juneteenth Discussion

An update was provided regarding the Frozen Brain, the NAACP approved \$500 for insurance coverage for their potential participation in the event, and Jackson is tasked with reaching out to them.

Various questions arose regarding logistics: Who will be the DJ? What about the honorarium and the order of events? Who will handle prayers and the music component, including the Black National Anthem? Additionally, considerations for decorations were discussed.

Director Doyle suggested creating a bulletin or flyer, offering printing assistance if provided with the file. The city will cover the printing costs.

A discussion ensued about vendor and organization applications, with the city set to provide digital application files. Tom was tasked with coordinating setup with Sam at Parks & Rec and submitting a contract for the DJ.

Lastly, there was a discussion about catering for the estimated 65 guests. Director Doyle suggested keeping it simple and covering costs at Moser's. McIntire-Clapp volunteered to take care of the cake, while Jackson would handle decorations, and offered her church to provide the paperware.

Director Doyle acknowledged the substantial workload ahead and suggested considering revamping the program for 2025 to allow adequate time for preparation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The group agreed that the next meeting will be as scheduled on July 29.

Other

Regarding the budget for 2025 events, suggestion was made to have this completed by October. There was also a suggestion to increase meeting frequency if necessary, and to discuss desired objectives for the upcoming year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2024.

Decision Motion was made by LeWanda Jackson and Seconded by Adrienne Lindsey to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kathie Ratliff