

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING 9/30/2024

Date and Time: 9/30/2024 05:15 pm

Time:

Present: Tom Clapp, Mary Holloway, Sarah Beth McIntire-Clapp, Norlian Vickers, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff, and Deputy Clerk Marissa Peneston

Absent: Adrienne Lindsey, Council Liaison Mike West

Location: Fulton City Hall

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Human Rights Commission meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

There were four members present, and one member (Lindsey) was absent. Quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision Motion was made by Norlian Vickers and Seconded by Mary Holloway to approve the August 26, 2024 minutes. Motion carried with four members voting in favor, one member (Lindsey) absent.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award

The award will posthumously be presented to Sherry McBride-Brown on October 8th at 7 p.m. during the City of Fulton Council Meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Celia Vigil

A vigil for Celia will be held on December 21st at 7 p.m. in front of the courthouse. The tentative speaker is Governor Mike Parson. If the governor is able to speak the commission is expecting to draw a larger crowd of 50-100 people.

Fair Housing Month

The commission will host an art contest for Fair Housing Month again this year. The theme will be determined once the national theme is announced. The contest will be for elementary students, Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Mary volunteered to take packets to the local elementary schools, shelters, and the housing authority. When packets are dropped off an explanation of Fair Housing Month will be given. The possibility of having an event at the Rec-Plex for children to come and make a poster after school one Friday evening was discussed. It was determined that online submissions will be accepted this year, and children can choose to enter more than one submission if they want. The winning artwork will be displayed at Legends Rec-Plex.

Decision: A motion was made by Norlian Vickers seconded by Mary Holloway to approve the timeline for the poster contest as follows. Contest Announcement and Promotion February 15th – March 1st, Artwork Submission Period March 1st – April 5th, Artwork Judging April 6th – April 12th, Display and Exhibition Setup April 13th – April 20th, Fair Housing Month Celebration and Award Ceremony April 22nd, where the winners will be announced.

Juneteenth 2025

How to make Juneteenth more of a community event celebration and less of a speaker presenting was discussed. In previous years the event was held on a Saturday, which may be impacted by celebrations happening in Jefferson City and Columbia. The possibility of having an evening celebration on the actual day of Juneteenth was discussed along with hosting the event at a different location. The YMCA, William Woods, or Serve's new location were listed to look into. Contacting the local NAAPC chapter and seeing if the event could be co-sponsored was talked about. Having a band play was emphasized as a way to make it seem more like a celebration. Further discussion will continue in the coming months as the event gets closer.

Meeting Schedule

Human Rights Commission is scheduled to meet again on December 2, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. Starting February 10, 2025, the Human Rights Commission will meet in the even months on the second Monday at 5:15 p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Human Rights Commission is scheduled to meet again on December 2, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

Decision Motion was made by Norlian Vickers and Seconded by Mary Holloway to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. The Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Lindsey) absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Peneston
Deputy Clerk