

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING 12/2/2024

Date and Time: 12/2/2024 05:15 pm

Time:

Present: Tom Clapp, Mary Holloway, Sarah Beth McIntire-Clapp, Norlian Vickers, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff, and Council Liaison Mike West

Absent: Adrienne Lindsey

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 September 30, 2024 minutes. Motion carried with four members voting in favor, one member (Lindsey) absent.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Celia Vigil

Clapp provided an update on the Celia event, noting that the Celia Foundation made a change to their plans. He recommended postponing the event until further communication is received from them. Vickers raised concerns about regular attendees who expect the event to proceed and suggested that the candlelight vigil should still be held as planned. She also proposed that if Mrs. Westbrook Hodges organizes an additional activity, the Fulton Human Rights Commission would support it. After a brief discussion, it was confirmed that the candlelight vigil will take place on December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Callaway County Courthouse.

Fair Housing Month

The group also discussed the upcoming fair housing poster contest. Mary Holloway will distribute information and she hopes to arrange an in-person session at the Fulton Housing Authority where children can complete and submit their entries. The closing date for submissions will be April 4 at 4:00 p.m. with winners selected by the Fulton Human Rights Commission. The group is awaiting the announcement of the 2025 Fair Housing slogan before finalizing the contest theme.

Juneteenth 2025

Clapp shared that he has put out feelers for the possibility of hosting the event at William Woods University.

Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award

They also discussed presenting the Jane Bierdeman-Fike award at the Juneteenth celebration. The Commission discussed selecting nominations electronically and taking the formal vote at a future meeting. It was discussed that the nomination period will be

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Human Rights Commission is scheduled to meet again on February 10, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

8. ADJOURN

Decision Motion was made by Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp and Seconded by Norlian Vickers to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The Motion carried with all members voting in favor, one member (Lindsey) absent.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk