



## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

### MINUTES

January 24, 2023

7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: February 28, 2023

#### Call to Order

Vice-Chair Miriam Cummins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Members present: Miriam Cummins, Keith Kolkow, Robyn Davis, and Greg Soriano

Members absent: Jamie Jones (unexcused)

#### Business from the public

**7:03 p.m.**

There was no business from the public.

#### Approval of November 22, 2022, minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Keith Kolkow moved to approve the November 22, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Robyn Davis seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

#### Commission appointments

**7:04 p.m.**

One reappointment and two new appointments to the commission are scheduled to be ratified at the January 30, 2023, city council meeting.

#### Meeting frequency

Cummins suggested meeting every other month. Davis suggested taking the summer months off. Kolkow is open to taking a couple months off during the year. Commissioner Greg Soriano was in agreement with either Davis or Kolkow's suggestion. The group decided to table the discussion until Commissioner Jamie Jones and the new appointments could add their thoughts.

#### Human Relations Award

**7:12 p.m.**

Since there were no additional nominations, the group decided to do more advertising. Staff liaison Kim Lyddane will check into the cost of a public notice in the newspaper and of placing stuffer in with the outgoing utility bills. The group could possibly coordinate with another citizen advisory group to save costs on the stuffer.

The commissioners discussed having staff create an electronic flyer that they could email to their personal networks. The flyer would have a QR code and a link to the online nomination form. An application deadline has not been determined at this time. Kolkow requested that staff provide the group a list of past nominees.

#### HRC project updates

**7:21 p.m.**

There were no updates at this time.

Presenting 2022 annual report

**7:25 p.m.**

The group has not received the completed report from past commissioner Stephanie Newton. Kolkow will connect with Newton. Once the report is received, the group will decide which city council meeting to present it at.

HRC event debriefs and potential event involvement

**7:27 p.m.**

Kolkow attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Breakfast at Oregon State University. He asked that the event be added to the HRC's calendar of events.

Cummins notified the group about a variety of activities being held at the Albany Public Library to celebrate black history. The activities are put on by Kids for the Culture. She will send the activity flyer to staff to have them send out to the group. Kolkow will ask Ty Anderson-Hubler of the organization to speak at February's HRC meeting.

Business from the commission

**7:31 p.m.**

Soriano reported that Oregon State University's diversity officer, Scott Vignos, was unavailable to speak at this month's meeting, but Soriano will invite him to speak at the March HRC meeting.

Staff updates

**7:32 p.m.**

Lyddane notified the group that elections for the HRC chair and vice-chair would be conducted during February's HRC meeting.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Vice-Chair Cummins adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file*

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Gina Burrese  
Recorder

Kim Lyddane  
Staff Liaison