



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 25, 2023

6:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: May 23, 2023

Call to Order

Staff liaison Kim Lyddane called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Robyn Davis, Jamie Jones, Greg Soriano, Allyson Dean, Elyn Fisher, and Keith Kolkow (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)

Members absent: Miriam Cummins (excused)

Business from the public

6:35 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of February 28, 2023, minutes

Motion: Commissioner Robyn Davis moved to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Greg Soriano seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. (Commissioner Keith Kolkow arrived after the motion was passed.)

Presenting 2022 annual report

6:36 p.m.

Lyddane will schedule this for a City Council meeting in early June.

Human Relations Award

6:37 p.m.

The nominees were reviewed. Each commissioner ranked the nominees in their category, and the winners were determined.

HRC project updates

7:01 p.m.

Kolkow and Davis attended a Festival Latino committee meeting. The committee would like the HRC to recommend to the City Council that the City support the festival. As things stand now, it will not be feasible to hold the festival this year, and it is being planned for next year. Kolkow requested that Lyddane set up a meeting with the city manager and a couple of councilors to discuss options ahead of attending a council meeting.

Commissioner Jamie Jones will investigate holding a Coffee with a Commissioner event sometime in May at Linn Benton Community College's coffee shop. Commissioner Allyson Dean would like to be involved.

For the community walk project, Soriano would like to include people who are in situations that leave them isolated. The trails on the walk have wheelchair access. Commissioner Elyn Fisher agreed to invite representatives from both the police and sheriff's departments since she attends meetings with the departments' members. She will also ask the police department if their K9 unit could be involved.

Soriano suggested coordinating with a food truck vendor for the event and asking the walk participants to bring food or school supplies which could be donated to Fish of Albany.

HRC event debriefs and potential event involvement

No debriefs were given.

Business from the commission

To ensure that there will be a quorum for a meeting and to give enough time to cancel if there is not, the group agreed to RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting. Commissioners will RSVP by replying to all on the agenda email sent to them ahead of the meeting. Recorder Burrese will send out a recurring calendar invite to the group for the Friday RSVP deadline.

Staff updates

There were no updates.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Kolkow adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Gina Burrese
Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Staff Liaison