



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Business from the public:
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 - 3) *Appear in person at the meeting and register to speak.*
4. Approval of June 27, 2023, minutes [Pages 3-4]
5. Scheduled business
 - a. Land acknowledgement recommendation to City Council
 - b. In-person commission retreat
 - c. Creating an equity, diversity, and inclusion survey for 2024
 - d. HRC meeting time
 - e. HRC project updates
 - i. Coffee with a commissioner
 - ii. Community walk

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- f. Event debriefs and potential event involvement [Pages 5-6]
- 6. Business from the members
- 7. Staff updates
- 8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023
- 9. Adjournment

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 27, 2023

6:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Approved: **DRAFT**

Call to Order

Chair Keith Kolkow called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Keith Kolkow, Allyson Dean, Greg Soriano, and Robyn Davis

Members absent: Jamie Jones (excused), Elyn Fisher (unexcused), and Miriam Cummins (unexcused)

Business from the public

6:33 p.m.

There was no business from the public.

Approval of May 23, 2023, minutes

Motion: Commissioner Robyn Davis moved to approve the May 23, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Alyson Dean seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Human Relations Commission's name

6:35 p.m.

The staff liaison, Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane, will check with City Manager Peter Troedsson on a time that will work for Kolkow and another HRC representative to have a discussion with the City Council about changing its name to better reflect its purpose.

HRC meeting time and attendance policy

6:46 p.m.

Kolkow pointed out the policy included in the meeting's agenda packet. Lyddane will survey the group to see which of three meeting time options works best: 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m.

HRC project updates

6:40 p.m.

- a. Coffee with a Commissioner: Dean will coordinate with Davis and Commissioner Jamie Jones before next month's meeting to reserve a location. When the location and date are decided, staff will create a flyer for the event.
- b. Community Walk: The NAACP, Grace Lutheran Church, and the Roller Derby Girls all expressed to Commissioner Greg Soriano that they are interested in helping with this. The walk will be September 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Talking Water Gardens. Lyddane will confirm with public works that this date will not conflict with any other happenings on the trail. Dean suggested naming the event "Walk and Roll" since they are including those who use wheelchairs.

Event debriefs and potential event involvement

6:50 p.m.

Lyddane announced that the Arts Commission will be hosting a table at the Albany Farmers' Market. Their goal is to express their desire to work with and make themselves available to the community. She

invited the HRC to host alongside them. Kolkow could attend the Saturday July 8 and 22 markets. Davis can attend the July 22 market. Lyddane will organize a combined table hosting for July 22.

Kolkow gave a report on the prior weekend's Albany Pride event. He read a letter* he created to send to the different City departments who supported the event to express his gratitude. The letter highlighted some of the notable accomplishments of the festival.

Davis, who is a part of the Community Development Commission, encouraged the group to look at the housing implementation plan and to submit feedback.

Business from the commission 7:00

7:00 p.m.

Kolkow will invite Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Director Kelsey Nava-Costales of the Greater Albany Public School System to the July HRC meeting.

Lyddane was asked if there were any planned murals for the Monteith Park upgrade. She explained that there were none at this time. The department is working with Pacific Power to freshen up the electrical pilings in the park, but Pacific Power would have to grant permission to paint anything on them. Lyddane noted that the Arts Commission does have plans for murals around the city and that Mayor Alex Johnson II is writing a grant for one.

Dean reported coming across swastika graffiti on the green electrical boxes on the Monteith walking trail and asked about the process for reporting the graffiti and its clean-up. Lyddane explained that graffiti is reported to the police department and then either an officer, a City employee, or a volunteer will clean it up as soon as possible. Dean would like to see some community education take place on the meaning of the swastika, so younger people are aware of the history behind it and its hateful connotation. The group would also like to see the reporting and clean-up process listed on the City's website and specifically the HRC page. Lyddane will ask about it.

Staff updates

7:11 p.m.

No updates at this time.

Next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Kolkow adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gina Burrese
Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Staff Liaison

*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.

Calendar of Events

Thursdays	Community take-out meals	5:00 p.m.	First Christian Church
January 2023			
01/12/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
01/15/2023	HR Award nomination deadline		
01/16/2023	MLK Peace Breakfast	9:00 a.m.	OSU Campus
01/16/2023	MLK Peace March	11:00 a.m.	OSU Campus
01/24/2023	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
01/31/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
February 2023			
Saturdays	Kids for the Culture celebrating black history month		Main Library
02/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
02/27/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
02/27/2023	HRC meeting	7:00 p.m.	Virtual event
02/28/2023	Citizen Advisory Groups training	? p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
02/?/2023	LBCC Unity Celebration (last week of Feb. or first week of March)	9:00 a.m.	
March 2023			
03/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
03/22/2023	HRC's annual report presented at the City Council meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
03/28/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
03/28/2023	HRC meeting (No quorum)	6:30 p.m.	
April 2023			
04/01/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/08/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/13/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
04/15/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/15/2023	Eads Park Cleanup Volunteer Event		
04/22/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
04/25/2022	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
04/25/2022	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
04/29/2022	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
May 2023			
	Mental Health Month		
	Historical Preservation Month		
05/06/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/11/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
05/13/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/18/2023	HEART to Heart Resource Fair (3rd Thursday in May)		
05/20/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/23/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
05/27/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
05/29/2023	Memorial Day events		
05/30/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
June 2023			
06/03/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/08/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
06/10/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/14/2023	HRC annual report & award presentation @ CC meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers, City Hall
06/17/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/19/2022	Juneteenth Celebration (Linn Benton NAACP)	4:00 p.m.	Corvallis Community Center
06/24/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
06/24/2023	Albany Pride Festival	9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Linn County Courthouse & Downtown Albany
06/26-29/2023	Safety Camp for kids entering grades 4-6		Oak Elementary
06/27/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
06/27/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
06/28/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Sunrise Park

July 2023

07/01/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/05/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Gibson Hill Park
7/7-9/2023	Crazy Daze Sales	all day	Downtown Albany
07/08/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/10/2023	Summer Sounds (Eagle Eyes)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/12/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Deerfield Park
07/13/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	7:00 p.m.	Hybrid event
07/13-15/2023	Linn County Fair		Fairgrounds
07/15/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/17/2023	Summer Sounds (Huckleberry Road)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/19/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Takena Park
07/20/2023	River Rhythms (Debbie Gibson)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/22/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/23/2023	Special Olympics of Oregon Summer Regional Softball	9:30 a.m.	YMCA Albany
07/24/2023	Summer Sounds (Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/25/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
07/25/2023	HRC meeting	6:30 p.m.	Virtual event
07/26/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Lehigh Park
07/27/2023	River Rhythms (Spin Doctors)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
07/29/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
07/31/2023	Summer Sounds (Ms. Vee)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park

August 2023

08/01/2023	National Night Out Event (1st Tuesday in August)	5:30 p.m.	
08/02/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Doug Killin Park
08/03/2023	River Rhythms (Home Free)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
08/05/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/09/2023	Fun in the Park	10 to Noon	Swanson Park
08/10/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
08/10/2022	River Rhythms (Foghat)	7:00 p.m.	Timber Linn Park
08/12/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/19/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/22/2023	HRC meeting	? p.m.	
08/26/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
8/25-27/2023	NW Art & Air Festival		Timber Linn Park
08/26/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
08/29/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

September 2023

09/02/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/09/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/14/2023	Linn Benton NAACP (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
09/16/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
	Festival Latino		
	Linn-Benton Veteran Stand Down		
09/23/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
09/26/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
09/26/2023	HRC meeting	? p.m.	

October 2023

10/1-7/2023	Mental Illness Awareness week		
10/07/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/12/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
10/14/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/21/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/24/2023	HRC meeting	? p.m.	Virtual event
10/28/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
10/31/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	

November 2023

	Annual Summit on Homelessness		
11/04/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/09/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
11/11/2023	Veterans Day Memorial Service	8:30 a.m.	Timber Linn Park
11/11/2023	Veterans Day Parade	12:30 p.m.	
11/11/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/18/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot
11/28/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
11/28/2023	HRC meeting (PENDING)	? p.m.	
11/25/2023	Farmers' Market	9:00 a.m.	City Hall parking lot

December 2023

12/14/2023	NAACP Corvallis/Albany (2nd Thursday of every month)	6:30 p.m.	
12/21/2023	Homeless Persons' Memorial Service (longest night of the year)	5:30 p.m.	
12/26/2023	HAC meeting (last Tuesday of the month)	3:00 p.m.	
12/26/2023	HRC meeting Canceled	6:30 p.m.	