

Human Relations Commission Meeting July 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes

1. Call meeting to order at 12:02

Present: Joel Wright, Nohemi Lugo, Susan Brouillette, Chad Young, Kara Boyles, Brad Mitchell

a. Approval of April 22, 2021, Minutes. Motion to approve Susan Brouillette, second Joel Wright

2. Old business

a. No old business

3. New Business

a. No new business

4. Member Updates

a. HRC Youth Council – Stephen updated the commission. Have not received very many applications in the first round, Stephen Smith reported about a handful. First round was just before the end of the school year. Will have the application sent back out at the beginning of the school year to fill all slots. Hope to have the youth council up in running by October HRC meeting.

Discussed changing the meeting time in order to attend the HRC meetings. This change will not occur at this time per Stephen Smith. Stephen suggested discussing with the schools allowing the students to leave school. Kara Boyles brought up transportation barriers for some students. Susan Brouillette suggested the Youth Council attending remotely. Could discuss one meeting a year.

b. Meeting with Mayor update- Kara Boyles informed the Commission of the scheduled meeting with the mayor and other city officials. The meeting will take place on August 3rd. Commission members to attend will be Kara Boyles, Stephen Smith and Chad Young. Commission members will plan to meet prior to the meeting in order to discuss priority points. The commission was asked to share any important information they would want shared during the meeting. No one voiced any concerns during the meeting but will email prior if they think of something.

Peyton Stoval and Chad Young are working together with the Sheriff's board and LPD. Bridging the gap between law enforcement and minorities. This contributes to his involvement in the upcoming meeting.

The YWCA received a copy of the letter sent to the mayor. With leadership changes additional meetings to discuss their contribution has not occurred. This is still an ongoing partnership that is being pursued by Kara Boyles.

c. Nohemi Lugo- training to the staff and police officers. Would be happy to provide trainings as an HRC for city staff if it is not already being done. Police Department, City staff, etc. Susan Brouillette suggested the city hiring a social worker. Nora Ashcraft currently works with the LPD through the YWCA.

5. Staff Report

a. The public health crisis quorum via web meetings is good through the end of the year. The next meeting my need enough in person members to be present for an official quorum. Brad will let us know prior to the next meeting.

b. Next meeting is October 21, 2021, at 12:00 pm.

6. Adjourn

a. Motioned Nohemi Lugo seconded by Susan Brouillette