

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2022**

The City of Fulton Human Rights Commission met on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall, 18 E. 4th Street, Fulton, Missouri. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Carmen Brandt, Chair of the Commission. Roll call was noted by Laure Long, Deputy City Clerk, and the members present were: Carmen Brandt, Tom Clapp, Adrienne Lindsey, and Sherry Lococo. Absent were members LeWanda Jackson and Don Stassel. Also present were Courtney Doyle, City Clerk; Robert Boone, Assistant Director of Administration.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments from visitors at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2022.

The March 7, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Tom Clapp and seconded by Adrienne Lindsey to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes. Motion carried with four members of the Commission voting in favor, and two members (Jackson & Stassel) absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Fair Housing Postcard Contest Discussion

LeWanda Jackson arrived at 5:16 p.m.

Laure Long, Deputy City Clerk, reported there were not any submissions for the Postcard Contest. The Commission felt the effort was made to attempt a Fair Housing Month Project for the month of April, and they might have to reevaluate what to do next year.

b) Juneteenth Discussion

Renee Tyler, Director of Administration, arrived at 5:21 p.m.; introductions were made among the Commission members.

There was much discussion about the Juneteenth event that will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Amphitheater and Atkinson Pavilion at Veterans Park from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Carmen Brandt said Dr. Thomas Cooper has agreed to be the speaker for the event, and said she has also made contact with local artist, Jane Mudd, to provide an art component. Different art projects and painting ideas were discussed. The Commission liked the idea of creating a wall collage, while incorporating the National Juneteenth colors of red, black, and green. The collage

would list men and women freedom heroes, and children could draw on it and mark their handprints, as the heroes of the future.

Carmen said she may have a connection for music for the event; someone that plays gospel/rap/piano, at possibly no cost. She is waiting for a confirmation. The Parks and Recreation Department may have a sound system available, but it would require staff to attend and operate the system. Carmen also said the Callaway County Public Library ordered some books about Juneteenth, and thought it would be nice to have a display or something visual about Juneteenth. Some discussion followed on finding an interpreter to have at the event for the deaf community. Tom said he could contact Norlian Vickers to see if she would be available to interpret the program.

The Commission would like a Proclamation presented by the Mayor. LeWanda will work on a draft and email it to Courtney to fine tune.

The Commission wants to ensure there is seating for the elderly and that the space is accessible. They discussed the possible need for a tent and chairs for the event. Robert Boone, Assistant Director of Administration, said the Cemetery Department has a tent and six chairs that could be available as long as there are no funeral services scheduled for that day.

Courtney Doyle, City Clerk, explained the request for the event would be presented to the City Council at the May 10, 2022 City Council meeting. She asked for someone to send her a brief summary of the request to include in the Council packet. Tom agreed to attend the Council meeting to present the request on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission would like to invite food trucks to the event. Laure Long, Deputy City Clerk, said she would send a list of food trucks/vendors to the Commission for them to start contacting. They would like the vendors to start selling food at noon.

Some discussion followed on securing vendors for the event. Some cities charge a vendor fee to participate in events. The vendors fees help build up financial resources for future programs. A simple agreement would need created in order to do so.

The layout of the program was discussed. The Commission will start the event with a welcome, introductions, and an explanation of Juneteenth, followed by a prayer. Then, a poem will be read by Dawn Paine, followed by singing by Tom Clapp and/or a local choir. Dr. Cooper will then speak, and the program will end with a Proclamation presented by Mayor Cannell.

The Commission would like to utilize the City Facebook page, website, newsletter, Callaway Chamber of Commerce, issue a press release, and create a flyer for promotion.

Duties were designated for the Commissioners to move forward with planning for the event. Adrienne, Sherry, and Alan were put on a vendor committee. They will contact vendors and make sure they have a space in the park. Carmen will work on finding a face painter, working with Jane Mudd on an art concept, communicating with the DJ, asking Bob Washington about his choir, and speaking with Clay Caswell, Parks and Recreation Director, about a backup inclement weather plan. LeWanda will work on the Proclamation, and Tom will work on finding an interpreter. Laure Long will ask Darin Wernig to create a flyer for the celebration.

c) Other Unfinished Business

There was no other unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Other New Business

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be May 23, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Human Rights Commission, motion to adjourn was offered by Tom Clapp and seconded by LeWanda Jackson. Motion carried with five members of the Commission voting in favor and one member (Stassel) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Laure Long
Deputy City Clerk