

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The City of Fulton Human Rights Commission met on Monday, January 30, 2023 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 5:18 p.m. by Sherry Lococo, Board President. Roll call was noted by Michael Shine, Public Information Officer, and members present were: LeWanda Jackson, Adrienne Lindsey, Sherry Lococo, Michael Stieber, Tom Clapp, and Norlian Vickers. Council Liaison Alan Combs, City Clerk Kathie Ratliff, and visitor Denise Dehne were also in attendance.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Visitor Denise Dehne introduced herself and said she was interested in learning what the commission does.

Introductions were made to new Commissioner, Norlian Vickers.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2022.

The September 19, 2022 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Tom Clapp and seconded by LeWanda Jackson to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes. Motion carried with four members of the Commission voting in favor, and one member (Vickers) abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Fair Housing Month – April

The Commission discussed last year's Fair Housing Month poster contest, which did not receive any submissions, and how to proceed with this year's Fair Housing Month. Commission members expressed interest in trying the project again.

LeWanda Jackson suggested working with the library and Housing Authority on it. Michael Stieber said the form should be available at the schools, gyms, and public spaces. Commission members discussed collecting donations as prizes for the contest.

Commission members decided to use last year's national theme for the contest and keep categories the same as last year (ages 12 and under, 13-18). Entries are due at the end of April and the commission will meet in May to judge. Tom Clapp made a motion to proceed as planned and Michael Stieber seconded. It passed unanimously.

b) Juneteenth

Vendor applications for Juneteenth are out in the community and we've received one back. President Sherry Lococo talked about needing more vendors to sign up. The event will be held

at Legends Rec-Plex from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Remaining questions included who would be the keynote speaker and what entertainment would look like.

Adrienne Lindsey suggested looking into a high stepper group out of Columbia. Tom Clapp suggested finding budget for a band. Michael Stieber suggested looking into Mizzou groups. Sherry Lococo asked whether the Commission wants to use the same DJ as last year, John McBride. Norlian Vickers also mentioned reaching out to Lincoln University about options they have. It was decided members would look into respective options and discuss at a later meeting.

On the keynote speaker, Commission members focused on Carver School and discussed finding people who could share the school's history in light of plans to turn it into a senior housing facility.

LeWanda Jackson said she would bring Juneteenth up to the NAACP at its next meeting and discuss potential partnership opportunities. Michael Stieber proposed looking into livestreaming or recording and reposting the event.

Tom Clapp left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

c) Educational Presentations

Board members discussed different avenues they could use to educate the general public on human rights issues. Norlian Vickers suggested they focus on social media rather than organized events. The Commission agreed to circle back on the discuss after Juneteenth.

d) Discussion of Black History Month social media posts

City staff sought input and suggestions on people to feature on social media for Black History Month. LeWanda Jackson said she would also bring it up at the upcoming NAACP meeting.

e) Determine new date for May meeting

The Commission's normal meeting time in May falls on a holiday. Members voted to move it to May 8 and add an April 17 meeting for Fair Housing Month contest review and additional Juneteenth planning.

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be April 17, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Human Rights Commission, motion to adjourn was offered by LeWanda Jackson and seconded by Adrienne Lindsey. Motion carried with four members of the Commission voting in favor and one member (Clapp) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Michael Shine
Public Information Officer