

MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING - 11/27/2023

Date and time: 11/27/23 05:15 pm

Present: Adrienne Lindsay, Tom Clapp, LeWanda Jackson, Norlian Vickers, and Deputy City Clerk Doris Pirmantgen

Absent: None

Location: Fulton City Hall Executive Conference Room

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. with the Human Rights Commission Vice President, Adrienne Lindsay, presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

There were four members present, none absent. Quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The members of the Commission took turns explaining their thoughts on being elected an officer. LeWanda Jackson explained that she is busy and her schedule will not allow for her to be elected an officer. She would just like to be a support. Norlian Vickers stated she does not feel she has been a member of the Commission long enough to be elected an officer. Tom Clapp stated that if elected President, he would either be too radical or he may not do enough. He would like to see the Commission become involved in the LGBTQ+ community. Adrienne Lindsay described her scheduling conflicts and stated she cannot be elected.

Norlian Vickers and Adrienne Lindsay remarked that they support Tom Clapp's ideas for the Commission.

Decision Motion was made by Adrienne Lindsay and seconded by Norlian Vickers to elect Tom Clapp as President of the Commission.

Decision Motion was made by LeWanda Jackson and seconded by Tom Clapp to elect Norlian Vickers as Vice President of the Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision Motion was made by LeWanda Jackson and seconded by Norlian Vickers to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023 and May 8, 2023.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Juneteenth Discussion

The Commission would like to add the Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award to the Juneteenth event. There was discussion of the Celia Event. Tom Clapp does not feel there is enough time to plan and host the event on December 21, 2023. Norlian Vickers would like to have the event this year and suggested a vigil and inviting Dawn Payne to do a reading of a poem. Tom Clapp does not feel that this event has gripped the community in past years.

The Commission is planning to hold the Celia Event on December 21, 2023 at 7 p.m. in front of the Courthouse. Tom Clapp will email the City with details of the event. LeWanda Jackson plans to discuss the event with the NAACP and gauge their interest. Adrienne Lindsay stated she will not be able to attend the event due to a scheduling conflict.

There was brief discussion on the venue of the Juneteenth event. Adrienne Lindsay likes having the event indoors because of the weather in June. There was conversation of having barbeque and a bounce house at the 2024 Juneteenth event.

7. NEW BUSINESS

HRC Discussion

Tom Clapp stated again that he would like to see the Commission become involved with and support the LGBTQ+ community.

There was discussion of recruiting members to join the Commission. Norlian Vickers suggested Keli Tate.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Decision Motion was made by Norlian Vickers and Seconded by Adrienne Lindsay to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Pirmantgen