

MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING – APRIL 29, 2024

Date and time: 04/29/2024 05:25 pm

Present: Adrienne Lindsey, Tom Clapp, LeWanda Jackson, Norlian Vickers, Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp, and City Clerk Kathie Ratliff

Absent: None

Visitors: President of local chapter N.A.A.C.P. James Robnett

Location: Fulton City Hall Executive Conference Room

DISCUSSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. with the Fulton Human Rights Commission President, Tom Clapp, presiding. Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp entered at 5:28 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken. There were five members present, none absent. Quorum met.

3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mr. Robnett introduced himself and stated that he was present for the Juneteenth discussion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Decision Motion was made by Norlian Vickers and Seconded by LeWanda Jackson to approve the minutes from January 29, 2024. All in favor.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award Discussion

Clapp initiated the discussion by informing those present that progress on the matter had been minimal. LeWanda Jackson reminded the group that it was suggested that they broaden nominations to encompass all genders and selecting a winner from previous nominees. Clapp then proposed postponing the event until a later time, expressing regret for the inconvenience.

Juneteenth Discussion

Pamela Westbrook Hodge, Celia's descendant, graciously agreed to serve as the main speaker for the event. Conversations shifted to the selection of a DJ for this year's festivities, with consideration given to rehiring the DJ from the previous year. Additionally, a wide array of vendor and activity suggestions were proposed, encompassing organizations such as the NAACP, CardV, Cotton Candy, Girl Like Me, CMCA, Frozen Brain, SERVE, Boy & Girl Scouts, Rotary, along with poetry readings by Dawn, proclamations, book giveaways, face painting, and arts and crafts.

The Clerk confirmed the venue's availability for this day, noting that it was unreserved. Mr. Clapp volunteered to reserve the room the following day. There will not be a charge for the room as it's a city board event.

Discussions turned to insurance requirements, with consideration given to engaging in a conversation with Frozen Brain to explore the possibility of the NAACP covering their costs associated with event insurance.

Further discussion ensued regarding the requested allowances for the event. The group expressed a desire to have cake available, along with some decorations, funds allocated for the DJ, and an honorarium for the speaker.

DECISION Motion made by LeWanda Jackson and seconded by Adrienne Lindsey to request \$400.00 for the Juneteenth event, covering expenses for a DJ, food, speaker's honorarium, and miscellaneous costs. All in favor.

Here's the breakdown of the requested budget for the event:

- DJ: \$125.00
- Speaker Honorarium: \$100.00
- Food: \$125.00
- Miscellaneous expenses: \$50.00

Total: \$400.00

Decision: Motion made by Norlian Vickers and seconded by LeWanda Jackson to change the time of the Juneteenth celebration to 10 AM - 12 PM. All in favor.

The event, to be held at Legends Rec-Plex is confirmed for Saturday, June 15th, from 10 AM to 12 PM, with the main speaker scheduled for 11 AM.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next HRC meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024.

Decision Motion was made by Adrienne Lindsay and Seconded by Norlian Vickers to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kathie Ratliff