

Human Rights Commission

Business Meeting Notes

December 19, 2019

Commissioners Present: Michealea Lemons, Melvin Nobles, Jr., Kim Tosch, Allen Ratcliffe, Lisa Snyder, Ronita Boullt, Taniesha Lyons, Sarah Nunez, Sarah Rumbaugh, Julie Tran

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Lee, Natalie Collins

City Staff Present: Wesley Taylor

Call to Order

Chair Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:53

Roll Call

A quorum was present

Approval of the December Business Meeting Agenda

- **Chair Lemons** asked for discussion around changes to the application and on-board process be moved from the study session the business meeting due to time, and this will be discussed during the chair report. The chair then moved to approve the minutes.
- **Commissioner Ratcliffe** seconded.
- **The business meeting agenda is approved.**

Approval of November Study Session and Business Meeting Minutes

- **Chair Ratcliff** moves to approve the minutes.
- **Commissioner Tran** seconded.
- **The motion passes.**

Public Comment

No public present

Chair Reports

- **Chair Lemons** – Discussed options for changes to the application process and on boarding process. Opened discussion on how to provide more information to people who may be interested in the HRC, what projects are being worked on.
- **Commissioner Snyder** – Suggested having the website showing projects the HRC is working on. In addition to a calendar of events that the HRC is aware of in the public. Links to work plans the commission is currently being worked on could be beneficial.
- **Chair Lemons** – Mentioned the budget and efforts towards paying more attention to this. In addition to what options are available for food at the HRC meeting which cost less than \$100 dollars. Suggestions could be sent to the chair.
- **Chair Lemons** – Talked about the Human Rights Commission interviews projected to be held on February 13th 2020.

- **Chair Lemons** shared the work that TACOD and OEHR did on passing Ordinance No. 28649. The policy around close captioning in businesses, if people are in a location and they have a television close captioning needs to be used. If not, the issue can be reported through 311.

Commissioner Reports

- **Policy and Advocacy**
Discussed issues around clients at the Northwest Detention Center when assaulted, what can people do? Is there a data of when people are assaulted?
Who over sees the jurisdiction for the NW detention center? Are reports collected from those who have been released from the facility?
Motion was presented for continuing supporting Policy and Advocacy in determining who has jurisdiction access on the NW detention center. Motion was seconded, and approved.
- **Racial Justice and Equity**
Does not have an update at this time.
- **Housing Task Force**
Meeting after the business meeting, and will provide an update in January.
- **Education and Outreach Task Force**
Suggested working in partnership with the Housing Task force, in the area of outreach. Using their skills around outreach in assisting with housing.

New Business

- **Elections for Chair Positions:**
 - Chair- Michealea Lemons – Commissioner Ratcliff presented a motion to close ballots since only Ms. Lemons is the only candidate, Commissioner Snyder seconded, motion passed.
 - 2nd Vice Chair- Nominations
Commissioner Nunez
Commissioner Lyons
- **Election was held, Commissioner Nunez was nominated as 2nd Vice Chair.**

Staff Reports

- No reports

The Chair adjourns at 7:35pm.