



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Jackson Human Relations Commission is to serve as an official agency of the City of Jackson, responsible for advising and making recommendations to the City Manager and City Council concerning good human relations, combating discrimination within the community wherever it exists, and for acting to promote needed change.

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall, 2nd Floor Chambers;
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order
- I. Roll Call. Robert VanSumeren, Cheryl Ragland (Meeting Chair), Amy Rich, Maurice Imhoff, Bikash Jha, Miriam Brown Dorsey, present. Absent: Barbara Holt (excused), James Johnson, Jr. (excused). Also present: Councilperson Arline Robinson, Ms. Doria LaPorte. A quorum is present.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to adopt, Dorsey. Second, Johnson. Unanimously passed.
- III. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit).
- IV. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Correct *ex officio* category to be: Business, Education, and Social Services. Motion by Dorsey. Second, Johnson. Unanimously passed.
- V. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. Report by police liaison. Violence Summit was a success. Two officers finishing up training, in coming weeks. An academy graduate is currently working on field training. Still looking for applicants. Lifeways has embedded a mental health worker with the police department, to begin in a few weeks. Training on new health kit. Training on mental health holds, petitions.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee (Dorsey, Holt, Imhoff, Jha)
 - Update from Maurice. Will develop a list of questions for candidates.
 - Communication will be sent to: Kari Kidder.
 - Ex-Officio Seats: Business, Education, and Social Services.
 - Project Development Committee (Rich, Ragland, Imhoff)

- ☐ Housing Event Update. Housing event was a success; standing room only, very informational.
- Policy and Complaint Committee (Jha, VanSumern, Imhoff, Dorsey)
 - ☐ Update Exploratory Committee. No update.
- Public Relations/Communications Committee (Rich, Dorsey)
 - ☐ Communication. No update.
- Finance Report (VanSumern, Holt)
 - ☐ Update to Finance Report. Remaining from budget (after expenses related to Harold White Breakfast): \$7,777.58, plus \$6,985.00 (donations) = \$14,762.58, remaining total.

VII. Old Business

- a. Community HRC Meeting (August).
- b. Attendance.

VIII. New Business

- a. Juneteenth (commitment is required). Consider getting food in our booth.
- b. HRC Brochure. Project Development Committee will meet to revise pamphlet. Motion to convene project, Imhoff. Second, Dorsey. Unanimously passed.
- c. Strategic Planning Meeting (June) Date, Time & Location. May 4, 2024, 9:00-Noon, at C-Store.
- d. HRC Youth Council Ordinance.

IX. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Councilmember Robinson.

X. Commissioner's Comments.

XI. City Staff Liaison Comments.

XII. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn, 7:19pm, Imhoff. Second, Rich. Unanimously passed.

These minutes were compiled using my notes and best recollection.

Humbly submitted,

Robert W. VanSumeren, Secretary
Human Relations Commission
City of Jackson