



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order, 6:00pm.
- II. Roll Call . Robert VanSumeren, Shalanda Hunt, Cheryl Ragland (Meeting Chair), Miriam Brown Dorsey, Amy Rich, Maurice Imhoff, Barbara Holt and James Johnson, Jr., Jha Bikash, present. Absent: N/ A. Also present: Councilperson Arline Robinson. A quorum is present.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. Support as amended, Rich. Hunt, Second. Unanimously passed.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit). No comments.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Dorsey, Motion to adopt. Second, Ragland. Unanimous
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. Lt. P. Postman. Collaboration with Lifeways. Training on foot pursuits. Yearly TAZER refresher. Two in academy at LCC. Just brought on a new recruit from Washtenaw Community College (just beginning). Did six interviews for the new recruit positions, will select two to attend LCC academy in January, 2024. Turkey giveaway this month. Also, Angel-Tree and Shop-with-a-Hero event. JPD is a drop-off for Toys-f0r-Tots.
- VII. Committee Reports.
 - a) Nominating Committee. No updates.
 - b) Project Development Committee. See old business.
 - c) Policy and Complaint Committee. No update.
 - d) Public Relations/Communications Committee. No update.
 - e) Public Events. For Harold White Breakfast, next year, more volunteers are needed.
 - f) Finance Committee. Beginning FY 2023 (July 1, 2023), \$15,000. HW Breakfast: -5,442.80. Revenue from HW Breakfast: \$6,485.00. (Additional

expenses incl. NAACP advertising, new member plaques, HRC apparel.)
Current balance \$7,931.49. Motion to make Amy Rich new Treasurer,
Dorsey. Second, Hunt. Unanimous.

VIII. Old Business.

- a. Harold White Sr. Breakfast. Next year, make sure all family members are notified. Issue at hand, last meeting, HRC decided to send a card to Harold White family. Motion to send the card, Hunt. Second, Dorsey. Unanimous.
- b. Community HRC Meetings (2). Feb. and June regularly scheduled meeting times, the council chamber will not be available. Move this item into the Project Development Committee, for scheduling. Motion to move this item to Project Development, VanSumeren. Second, Hunt. Unanimous. Going forward, scheduling outside meetings will be under the Project Development Committee.
- c. Housing Event. March 9, 2024. 9:00 – Noon, Saturday. We need a name change, collaborate with 100-Home Project, need a location. Reach out to Greater Way Bible Temple. Calvary United Methodist.
- d. New Commissioner Onboarding. No update.
- e. HRC Apparel Order- New Members. Orders submitted for new member apparel.
- f. Ex-Officio Seats: Business, Education, and Health Care, representatives needed. Discussion, go to the public. Motion to extend date for applications to be received from Dec. 31, 2023, extend to January 31, 2024, Hunt. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously passed.
- g. Discussion. Going forward, we need to work on communications between team members. Get minutes out sooner.

IX. New Business.

- a. 2023-2024 Committee Assignment Discussion & Treasurer. See above, for Treasurer.
 - a Nominating. Hunt (chair), Dorsey, Holt, Jha.
 - b HRC Project Development. Ragland (chair), Imhoff, Rich, Holt. Motion to disband Public Events and only have Project Development Committee in its place, Hunt. Second, Rich. Unanimously passed.
 - c Policy & Complaint. VanSumeren (chair), Dorsey. Hunt. Jha.
 - d Finance Committee. Rich (Chair), Hunt, Dorsey, VanSumeren.

- b. Discuss attendance MLK Dinner 2024 Jackson College. Will see if tickets are available for HRC members. Six members expressed interest in being here.
 - c. December Holiday Party. Saturday Dec. 9, 2023. Noon - 2:00, Knights.
 - d. HRC 2024 Meeting Calendar. Meeting dates distributed to members.
 - e. Mediation Training. VanSumeren, Hunt, and Rich would like to do the week-long training. City will see if there are available times, and when, and will communicate with the HRC commissioners who expressed interest.
- X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments. Upcoming, a few special events in downtown. Christmas Parade is on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023. Turkey Trot is going to be on Nov. 23rd, at Ella Sharpe. Winter sheltering for the homeless; the T.A. Wilson Annex has been set up for homeless individuals. New councilmembers will be sworn in, early December. The Michigan Department of Transportation will be installing flagpoles in the traffic circle on Cooper St.
- XI. Commissioner's Comments.
- XII. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn, 7:25pm, Dorsey. Second, Johnson, Jr. Unanimously passed.

These minutes are compiled and submitted from my notes, from the best of my recollection.

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