

Unapproved Minutes  
Human Relations Commission  
Thursday August 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order in the Large Conference Room at City Hall on August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Travis Letellier, Jolly Omar, Mark Daniels, Wendy Hess, Lamont Sellers, Calvin Petersen

Absent: Shannon Cole

Staff present:

James Purdy, Assistant City Manager

John Prescott, City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Lamont Sellers motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jolly Omar. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Lamont Sellers motioned to approve the May 2nd meeting minutes, seconded by Jolly Omar. Motion carried.

3b. Jolly Omar motioned to approve the June 6th meeting minutes, seconded by Wendy Hess. Motion carried.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

a. Election of Officers

b. New oaths of confidentiality

c. Discussion of meeting schedule

d. What does 2019-2020 look like for the HRC?

6a. Calvin Petersen motioned to nominate Travis Letellier for chair. Calvin also motioned for nominations to cease and cast a ballot for Travis as chair. The motion was seconded by Mark Daniels, motion carried unanimously with Travis abstaining.

Travis Letellier motioned to nominate Lamont Sellers for vice-chair. Calvin motioned for nominations to cease and cast a ballot for Lamont as vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Jolly Omar, motion carried unanimously with Lamont abstaining.

The Commission will not elect a secretary, thus minutes will be signed by the chair after approval by the Commission.

6b. Jolly Omar, Wendy Hess, and Mark Daniels will need to sign oaths of confidentiality at the next meeting, and Shannon Cole will need to initial hers for the next year. The incumbent Commissioner's initialed their oaths from the previous term. City staff will provide the forms at the next meeting.

6c. Travis Letellier proposed changing the frequency of the Commission's regular meetings to every other month. One suggestion, regardless of meeting frequency, was publishing the list of meeting dates in advance. The Commission discussed the matter thoroughly. The following meeting schedule was proposed:

September 5, 2019  
November 7, 2019  
January 9, 2020  
March 5, 2020  
May 7, 2020

Travis motioned to adopt this meeting schedule until the end of the next term, seconded by Mark Daniels. The motion carried unanimously.

6d. Travis Letellier asked the Commission to start thinking about ideas for the next year to further the Commission's main purpose, which is education. Calvin Petersen mentioned that a good start would be more advertising and greater visibility in the community. For the next meeting Calvin also suggested we review the Commission member's expression of interest forms, to revisit what they had originally indicated the Commission should work on. Lamont Sellers stated that President Gestring and USD are looking for opportunities to bring in speakers, events, and other diversity related activities. Some things that have been done in the past include partnering with the movie theatre on showing films relevant to diversity. Some other suggestions included tying the HRC to events taking place during Native American Heritage Month, Pride Week, Black History Month, Martin Luther King Jr Day, Women's History Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

#### 7. Adjourn

Moved by Mark Daniels to adjourn, seconded by Lamont Sellers. Motion carried at 8:05 p.m.

Travis Letellier, Chair

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Vermillion Human Relations Commission