

**DRAFT**  
**KIRKWOOD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**February 8, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Under Section 610.015 of the Missouri Sunshine Law provides that members of the Human Rights Commission who are not physically present can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes.

The U.S. and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus--Covid-19. Therefore, members of the Human Rights Commission can elect to participate in this meeting electronically for the public health and safety of each other and the general public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Geoff Morrison.

**Present**

Carolyn Becker  
Bob Boyd  
Nicole Goldkamp  
Geoff Morrison, Chair  
Judy Moticka, Vice Chair  
Margie Palazzolo, Secretary  
Paul Ward  
Jeannie Webdell

**Absent**

Michelle Cole  
Ryan Luby  
Mason Willi

**Council Liaison**

Maggie Duwe

**Staff Liaison**

Russ Hawes (absent)

**Other**

Kim Sansegraw, Administration  
Jessica Winter, Administration

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Margie Palazzolo with attendance reflected above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Judy Moticka and seconded by Margie Palazzolo to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**City Council Comments**

Council Member Duwe reported about an article in the Webster/Kirkwood Times regarding the City of Crestwood moving forward with a residential/commercial development where Crestwood Plaza was located. The residential neighborhood will have a connection to Grant's Trail.

**Chief Administrative Officer Comments**

Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes was absent for this meeting.

## Visitor

Jessica Winter was introduced as the new Administrative Associate who will be taking minutes for future KHRC meetings.

## Old Business

- A. The M.L. King Jr. Celebration Video – Jeannie and Geoff both watched the video of the MLK Jr. celebration. Geoff appreciated the comments from Dr. Ambers-Phillips regarding what people can do to get involved in the community.
- B. Denis Hart Award – the presentation to Brandy Martine and Douglas Linton Riggs will take place at the February 17, 2022 City Council meeting. Bob Boyd will present the awards.
- C. 2021 Police training hours – Geoff reported the discrepancies between the training reports from 2020 and 2021 were due to training classes not being available and cancelled in 2021 but it was noted the amount of inter-personal training was approximately the same.
- D. Essay Contest – Judy updated the commission that the press release has been issued for the essay contest. Copies will be available for the commission members by February 25 at City Hall and that everyone should have their top 5 essays selected by the March 8 meeting. Geoff offered to deliver the essays to any member who cannot pick them up at City Hall.
- E. Parks and Recreation Trivia Night Fundraiser on June 24, 2022 – Geoff has drafted a letter to Laura Thal Horton that the KHRC can be available to participate in the trivia fundraiser but will not be able to run the silent auction. It was the consensus of the commission to publicize and help, as possible.
- F. Utility Bill insert – Michelle and Jeannie are drafting the utility bill insert and should have it available for the March meeting. The final draft is due to Communications Manager Freddy Doss by April 8. Paul suggested asking Freddy to review it for any input in the draft version.
- G. One Author – One Kirkwood update – Carolyn reported on author Diana Abu-Jaber who writes on Arab and Arab-American culture and identity. She will be discussing her body of writing, not just one particular book. The meeting will be held at the KPAC on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

## New Business

- A. Marlene Sheinbein letter – Geoff spoke to Marlene Sheinbein regarding the Employment Initiative. Marlene provides assistance to businesses in hiring. Carolyn suggested contacting Marlene to consider becoming a member of the KHRC. Geoff will contact Marlene to discuss becoming a commissioner.

- B. Calendar and Strategic Planning meeting – Jeannie asked if the pages could be numbered. Printing the Strategic Plan document was cut off for some of the commissioners.
- C. 2021 Annual Report – There was a discussion regarding the draft of the Annual Report. Some of the items discussed were the Art Contest and the Employment Initiative. Geoff will contact City Clerk Laurie Asche to schedule a date to present the Annual Report to City Council.

Motion was made by Jeannie Webdell and seconded by Carolyn Becker to approve the Annual Report. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

- A. Vote on top 5 essays – Everyone should have their top 5 essays selected for the March meeting.
- B. Approve utility bill insert – Review and approve the utility bill insert draft.

### **Miscellaneous**

Jeannie asked if the KHRC should consider having a table at the Pancake Supper.

Geoff reported the Police Department Pancake Supper will be held at Kirkwood High School in the cafeteria on March 3 from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 per ticket and benefits the Benevolent Fund.

Council Member Duwe acknowledged the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City Hall shootings.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Judy Moticka and seconded by Carolyn Becker to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Margie Palazzolo, Secretary