



**Human Rights Commission  
Agenda  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Kirkwood City Hall  
Main Level Conference Room  
139 S. Kirkwood Road  
Kirkwood, MO 63122**

- I. Call to Order – Amanda Sher, Chair
- II. Roll Call – Judy Moticka, Secretary
- III. Approval of Minutes (August 13, 2019)
- IV. City Council Liaison Comments – Maggie Duwe
- V. Chief Administrative Officer Comments – Russ Hawes
- VI. Visitor Introductions and Comments
- VII. Chair Remarks
- VIII. Strategic Plan Reports - B.5, B.7, C.1, D.1, D.2, F.1, F.2, H.1
- IX. KSD N.O.W. Backpack Program Presentation (Emilie Lytton, Kim Grega)
- X. Meeting Updates
- XI. Greentree Festival
- XII. Fall Symposium
- XIII. Art Exhibit
- XIV. Next Meeting
- XV. Adjourn

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**Chair:** Amanda Sher

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**KIRKWOOD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**August 13, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Amanda Sher.

**Present**

Verneda Carrier  
Josh Lewis  
Geoff Morrison  
Judy Moticka, Secretary  
Amanda Sher, Chair  
Ronda Wallace  
Paul Ward  
William Winter

**Absent**

Bob Boyd, Vice Chair

**Council Liaison**

Maggie Duwe

**Staff Liaison**

Russ Hawes

**Other**

Kathie Valentine, City of Kirkwood Admin. Department  
Judge Stephen O'Brien

**Visitors**

Jeannie Webdell

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Judy Moticka with attendance reflected above.

**Judge Stephen O'Brien**

Judge Stephen O'Brien had been invited to attend the meeting in order to provide information regarding Missouri Senate Bill 5 and how it has affected the Kirkwood Municipal Court.

- A person can only be held for 24 hours before they are officially charged unless they are a flight risk or danger to the community. If a defendant is picked up due to a Kirkwood warrant or turns them self into the Kirkwood Police Department,

the Judge is contacted to see if a bond is needed or if a new court date is to be given.

- If someone does not show up for their first court date, a failure to appear notice is mailed to the defendant with a new court date. After a defendant is notified they missed court and does not appear for that second court date, or if a prior notice had been already been sent, a warrant may be issued.
- Judge O'Brien often gives any defendant the option of completing community service in lieu of payment of court costs/fines.
- The Kirkwood Municipal Division continues to remain in compliance with all the Supreme Court rules and standards.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Geoff Morrison and seconded by Josh Lewis to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

### **City Council Liaison Comments**

Council Member Duwe commented that there is a lot of planning and discussion ongoing regarding city streets (bond issues, project plans, Complete Streets, etc.).

Paul Ward mentioned that he thought that pedestrian traffic at Big Bend and Kirkwood Road could have been handled better. He had observed pedestrians experiencing difficulties during the construction at that intersection.

### **Chief Administrative Officer Comments**

Russ Hawes advised that a Witnessing Whiteness group session has been scheduled at Kirkwood United Methodist Church with the first session being held on Sunday, August 18.

### **Chair Remarks**

Amanda Sher spoke regarding the recent passing of former HRC member Denis Hart noting that his memorial service was beautiful.

## Strategic Plan Reports

B.1 – Geoff Morrison advised that a meeting of St. Louis Metropolitan Congregations United (Break the Pipeline) was scheduled to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

B.2 – William Winter spoke regarding a recent event sponsored by the Meacham Park Neighborhood Improvement Association where over 300 backpacks were given to children. He had prepared a report on the event which was passed around at the meeting. Geoff Morrison spoke regarding the various Hot Dog Dayz events that had been held over the summer.

B.3 – Geoff Morrison reported that he would be receiving two parking passes for the Greentree Festival. He intends to set up the booth as well as take it down and ensure they have handouts available. The booth will be staffed on Saturday and Sunday. A signup sheet for staffing the KHRC Greentree Festival booth was circulated at the meeting by Geoff Morrison. Judy Moticka offered to buy candy for their booth.

B.4 – Judy Moticka spoke regarding plans for the next Art Exhibit. Staff at the Kirkwood Public Library are involved in the planning process and are very enthusiastic. Art supplies will be made available in the teen room at the library and art kits will be available for checkout. Sixth through tenth grade students will be invited to participate. Art work can be dropped off at schools and will not be judged. The library has offered to donate a \$50 participation prize. Judy Moticka indicated that she would like to utilize \$50 from the KHRC budget to be given out in \$5 certificates in a drawing for participants. Judy Moticka noted that in order for the Art Exhibit to be successful teachers need to buy into it.

Motion was made by Geoff Morrison and seconded by Josh Lewis to approve the use of \$50 from the KHRC budget to be used for the Art Exhibit drawing. All in favor, motion carried.

Ronda Wallace spoke regarding Romona Miller and her new role at the high school. They recently had a good conversation regarding changes that Romona Miller would like to see made at the high school.

Amanda Sher advised that a meeting was scheduled on August 26 at St. Peter Church entitled Understanding Racism in St. Louis. Michael-John Voss will be speaking regarding struggles for citizens in navigating the legal system with little or no money.

Commissioners advised that they had attended various meetings.

- Judy Moticka and Geoff Morrison attended part of the seminar hosted by the school district on Culturally Sensitive Teaching.

- Paul Ward attended a We Can meeting the prior week. There was discussion regarding inviting them to speak at an upcoming KHRC meeting. Amanda Sher indicated she would reach out to them.
- Amanda Sher advised that the Missouri Commission on Human Rights will not be holding a conference this year because of lack of state funding.
- Ronda Wallace advised she also attended the We Can meeting and that they are working with Brown School at Washington University. A presentation will be made at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Kirkwood School Board meeting.
- Geoff Morrison stated that he would like to hear from Kirkwood High School clubs during this school year. He offered to contact such clubs to see if any members would be interested in presenting at upcoming KHRC meetings.

### **Window Sticker Approval**

Verneda Carrier asked for approval of the window sticker letter. Amanda Sher asked that Chairperson of the Kirkwood Human Rights be changed to Chair of the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission. Verneda Carrier reported that the subcommittee still had a lot of work to do and that she was not sure when their last meeting would be. There was discussion on the development of the procedure for meeting the criteria to receive the window sticker. Motion was made by Judy Moticka and seconded by Geoff Morrison to approve the proposed letter. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Fall Symposium**

There was discussion on the symposium and the need to have a speaker that would draw in the community. Concerns were expressed regarding the symposium being held on a Friday evening, with no plans yet, and it being only six weeks away.

Ronda Wallace suggested that they need to first establish their mission, topic, goal and audience. It was agreed by all commissioners that were present that it would be best to push off the symposium until these tasks have been completed.

There was discussion regarding a thank you gift for the symposium speaker with the consensus of the Commission being that a handwritten thank you note should be sufficient.

### **Draft Letter to the Webster-Kirkwood Times**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding a draft letter to the Webster-Kirkwood Times that Judy Moticka had written regarding the importance of diversity, inclusion and equity as well as recent disturbing events that had occurred in Kirkwood.

In order to help guide Commissioners in making a decision regarding whether or not to send the draft letter to the newspaper, Russ Hawes added that the examples in the letter are anecdotal evidence that such actions are hurtful to other human beings, are relevant and asked do we want the City of Kirkwood to allow these types of incidents, or do we want adults to point out these types of things.

One Commissioner spoke regarding racism and what he experienced in his youth.

Motion was made by Josh Lewis and seconded by William Winter to approve sending the draft letter to the Webster-Kirkwood Times as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled to be held on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Geoff Morrison seconded by Ronda Wallace to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Judy Moticka, Secretary

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CONTACT: Emma DeLooze-Klein, Interim Director, 314-821-5770, ext. 1025  
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**Kirkwood, MO – August 30, 2019** – The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission and the Kirkwood Public Library are hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art Exhibit for students in grades 6-10 in public, private and home schools, located within the City limits of Kirkwood R7 School District. Work submitted should express the artist’s interpretation of the theme, “Diversity: Embrace It, Share It, Celebrate It.”

Artwork may be dropped off at Kirkwood Public Library, or the school libraries at Kirkwood High, North Kirkwood Middle, or Nipher by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> during normal library hours. The exhibit will be displayed Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 through Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the main level art gallery and computer lab.

Beginning Sept 9, there will be art supplies available in the Teen Room as well as Art Kits available for check-out. Yeyo Arts will be presenting special sessions on creating artwork using mixed media on September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information on upcoming art programming and to register for an art session, please visit [www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar/](http://www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/calendar/).

All are invited to the opening reception on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 3 pm. Light refreshments will be served at 1pm.

Every student artist submitting a piece of artwork will be entered in a drawing to win art supplies or a gift certificate to an area art supply store. Prize drawing will take place during the opening reception; students need not be present to win.

For more information and for the required registration form, please visit [kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](http://kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org) or contact Emma DeLooze-Klein, Interim Director at [edelooze@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](mailto:edelooze@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org), 314-821-5770, option 2.



**Kirkwood Human Rights Commission  
And  
Kirkwood Public Library  
2019 Student Art Exhibit**



This art exhibit is open to all students in public, private, religious schools, and home schooled, located within the City limits of Kirkwood R7 School District: grades 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The exhibit will be displayed Saturday, November 2, 2019 through Saturday, January 4, 2020. The opening reception will be Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 1:00P to 3:00P at the Kirkwood Public Library, 140 East Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO. Light refreshments will be served between 1:00P and 3:00P.

Every student artist submitting a piece of artwork will have a chance to win a participation prize. Prize drawing will take place during the opening reception; students need not be present to win.

**Specifications and Guidelines:**

- ~Theme: “**DIVERSITY: EMBRACE IT, SHARE IT, CELEBRATE IT.**” Work submitted should express the artist’s interpretation of this theme.
- ~All mediums accepted including watercolor, oil, tempera, acrylic, pastels, charcoal, pencil, mixed media, collage, photography, etc.
- ~All work must be one-of-a-kind original handmade art.
- ~2-dimensional wall hung art only. Floor mounted or ceiling hung work will not be exhibited.
- ~Art work must not measure more than 18 inches in any dimension, including the frame.
- ~Fasten (staple or tape) a 4x6 index card to the lower right hand corner of the work naming: The Art Title (optional), Medium, Student Name, and School Name, along with an artist statement explaining the work in 50 words or less.
- ~Participants must complete the registration form and indicate if they would like their work included in the online exhibit.

**Art Work Days at KPL:** Beginning Sept 9, there will be art supplies available in the Teen Room as well as Art Kits available for check-out.

**Art drop-off:**

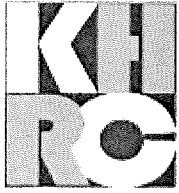
Drop off art work with completed registration form at Kirkwood Public Library or the school libraries at KHS, NKMS, or Nipher by Nov. 1, 2019.

**Art pick-up:**

Anytime between Saturday, January 5, 2020 and Sunday, January 12, 2020 between hours of 9:00A and 5:00P at the Kirkwood Public Library.

**Questions:** Please telephone 314-821-5770 and select Option 2, or email Emma DeLooze-Klein, Director of Adult & Community Services: [edelooze@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](mailto:edelooze@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org)





**Kirkwood Human Rights Commission &  
Kirkwood Public Library  
2019 Art Exhibit**



**Artist Registration Form**

I have read the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission-Kirkwood Public Library Exhibit Information documents and agree to the terms and conditions stated therein. I hereby release the Kirkwood Public Library, its staff, Library Director and Board of Trustees, and the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission from any responsibility for loss, damage or destruction to my artwork while said artwork is displayed in the Library, on Library property or in transit to/from the Library. I acknowledge that adjustments may be made to my artwork to hang it in the gallery and display art information and my personal statement.

ARTIST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ART MEDIUM: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF WORK (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

An online art exhibit will be made available through the Kirkwood Public Library website. If you would like your work to be included in the online gallery, please check the box below:

I grant permission for my artwork to be included in the online Kirkwood Human Rights Commission-Kirkwood Public Library "Diversity: Embrace It, Share, It, Celebrate It" exhibit. *(Note: First name and last initial included in the online gallery.)*

The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Questions:** Please telephone 314-821-5770 and select Option 2, or email Emma DeLooze-Klein, Interim Director: edelooze@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org

The individual picking up the art at the conclusion of the exhibit must sign below.

PICK-UP SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Calling all 6-10<sup>th</sup> graders!

Submit your artwork for the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission and Kirkwood Public Library 2019 Student Art Exhibit inspired by the theme  
"DIVERSITY: EMBRACE IT, SHARE IT, CELEBRATE IT."

Art Kits available for check-out, and art supplies available for use in the Teen Room starting in September

For detailed guidelines, pick up an info sheet & registration form in the Teen or Children's Room

Drop Off Submissions @  
Kirkwood Public Library  
Nipher Middle School Library  
North Kirkwood Middle School Library  
Kirkwood High School Library

The exhibit will be displayed Saturday, November 2, 2019 through Saturday, January 4, 2020, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 1-5 pm at the Kirkwood Public Library. Every student artist submitting a piece of artwork will have a chance to win gift cards to put towards art supplies! Drawings will take place at the reception on November 3.



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