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Topic: Kirkwood Human Rights Commission

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**Human Rights Commission
Agenda
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Location: held virtually via Zoom**

- I. Call to Order – Amanda Sher, Chair
- II. Roll Call – Geoff Morrison, Secretary
- III. Approval of Minutes (September 8, 2020)
- IV. City Council Liaison Comments – Maggie Duwe
- V. Chief Administrator Comments – Russ Hawes
- VI. Visitor Introductions and Comments
- VII. Chair Remarks
- VIII. Ballot Notary Drive Update
- IX. Meeting Updates
 - a. Police Chief Meeting
- X. New Business
- XI. Next Meeting
- XII. Adjourn

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Chair: Amanda Sher

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KIRKWOOD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes
September 8, 2020
6:30 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Amanda Sher.

Present

Carolyn Becker
Bob Boyd
Michelle Cole
Judy Moticka, Vice Chair
Geoff Morrison, Secretary
Margie Palazollo
Amanda Sher, Chair
Paul Ward
Jeannie Webdell

Absent

Council Liaison

Maggie Duwe

Staff Liaison

Russ Hawes (absent)

Other

Kim Sansegraw, City of Kirkwood

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Geoff Morrison with attendance reflected above.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Geoff Morrison and seconded by Michelle Cole to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

City Council Comments

Council Member Duwe updated the KHRC on the recent and upcoming public hearings coming before the City Council, including Commerce Bank and the UMB buildings.

Chief Administrative Officer Comments

Nothing to report.

Visitor Introductions and Comments

None.

Chair Remarks

- Amanda asked Judy Moticka to summarize a video chat that was held with the Clayton Community Equity Commission along with the KHRC Officers and Council Member Duwe.
 - The KHRC and the CEC are a loosely related counterpart. They discussed the differences and similarities of the two groups.
 - They discussed possibly having a symposium together.
 - Amanda Sher mentioned that when she met with the Mayor and Aldermen about the Commission last year, Clayton was leaning towards creating a body that had investigatory power. After the meeting with the CEC, the KHRC Officers learned that the current Commission reports directly to the Aldermen and makes recommendations to that body.
 - Geoff Morrison encouraged everyone to look on the City of Clayton's website to review the minutes of the Community Equity Commission meetings.

Meeting Updates

Ballot Drives

- Amanda Sher expressed interest in being involved in ballot drives. Some of the discussion follows:
 - Ballots will be mailed out beginning September 22.
 - Judy Moticka suggested joining Hands on Kirkwood with a ballot drive and has a meeting with Kirkwood United Methodist Church on September 9, 2020 to set up a ballot drive.
 - Amanda Sher has reached out to the Women's League of Voters.
 - Amanda Sher and Judy Moticka are notary publics and Carolyn Becker is in the process of getting her notary public certification.
 - Places and days/times to have the ballot drives will be determined this week. Some of the locations suggested are:
 - Community Center
 - Station Plaza
 - YMCA
 - Jeannie Webdell volunteered to speak to the Webster/Kirkwood Times to publish an article for the ballot drives.
 - Amanda Sher suggested publicizing the ballot drives by doing a press release, publishing it on Eye of Kirkwood, and Facebook postings.
 - Paul Ward suggested to post the information about the ballot drives on the Next Door application.

- Geoff Morrison discussed setting up an information table on Saturday, September 19 at the Autumn Outdoor Fest in Downtown Kirkwood from 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Geoff suggested having two people work at a time and hand out information about the KHRC as well as the voting information.
 - Geoff volunteered to set up the table and obtain the brochures and handouts to be given out at the event.

New Business

a. Human Rights

Amanda Sher mentioned Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes approved for the KHRC to use the Zoom application to hold community meetings.

i. Definition

- Council Member Duwe asked if anyone had looked at the plaque at City Hall and the Community Center for a definition of Human Rights.
- Bob Boyd reminded everyone to be sure not to omit the enabling ordinance when creating the definition for Human Rights.

Amanda asked the Commissioners their opinions on how they would like to start the discussions with community members to talk about Human Rights.

- Geoff stated he did not like the idea of doing the Zoom meetings with the community as he felt that with his years of experience in the police force and in the schools, he has a really good pulse on what people in Kirkwood think.
- Judy Moticka feels the meetings would be helpful but maybe do them after the election in November.
- Carolyn Becker was going to inquire with the volunteer group she works with at the Kirkwood Public Library to see if they are interested in meeting outdoors.
- Paul Ward questioned if the KHRC is prepared to discuss Human Rights at this time. There should be uniformity of the message delivered. He feels it is important to meet people where they are and be ready to hear what the community is going to say.
- Jeannie Webdell agrees that the Commission should have a structured conversation plan.
- Bob Boyd mentioned community conversations under moderated circumstances.

It was the consensus of the Commission to concentrate on the election activities at this time and to revisit the community discussions after the elections.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the KHRC is scheduled to be held on October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Adjourn

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

Geoff Morrison, Secretary

