

Meeting Minutes
Human Rights Commission

Thursday, May 25, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library
1250 SW District Dr, Ankeny, Iowa

Aubrey Alvarez
Dustin Graber

Lindsay Norland
Tim Olson
Laura Parkinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Olson, Norland, Graber, and Alvarez present. Parkinson absent. Brandt Johnson, Mike Schrock, staff liaisons present.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR May 25, 2023

Alvarez motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Graber seconded. Ayes: 3, motion carried.

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM April 27, 2023

Graber motioned to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023 meeting. Alvarez seconded. Ayes: 3, motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Action– 2023 HRC Work Plan

Olson shared with the commission the final version of the 2023 work plan for the HRC to discuss. The Commission discussed the finalized version of the 2023 HRC Work Plan.

Alvarez motioned to approve the 2023 HRC Work Plan. Graber seconded. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

b. Discussion and Possible Action– HRC Meeting Schedule

No action was taken on this item.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Juneteenth Proclamation Reading

Alvarez discussed with the commission that the Ankeny Community Network (ACN) is hosting the Juneteenth celebration on June 17 at the District in Prairie Trail and ACN was looking to see if the Mayor could come to the event to read the Juneteenth proclamation that he signed and they wanted to invite members of the HRC and City Council to attend the event.

Johnson said that the Mayor is unable to attend the event but that he had indicated that he would like to either reach out to the Mayor Pro Tem or another Council member to read the proclamation per City protocol. Schrock mentioned that the proclamation has already been provided to Renee so they have it on hand just in case.

Alvarez asked how it is determined if there are tables at events such as Juneteenth and Schrock said that it is generally up to each department to determine if a table is warranted at an event or that HRC members could volunteer to hand out information such as the pamphlets that are brought to each HRC meeting.

7. STAFF REPORT

Johnson reviewed the May 2023 staff memo with the HRC.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Alvarez said that the Ankeny Chamber is developing a multicultural taskforce training that would be available for members to attend along with the Chambers minority owned business summit on August 29. Alvarez also mentioned that Ankeny Pride is June 24 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Ankeny Pavilion.

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.