



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

7/15/2024 - Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Committee members present included Carl Young, Geraldine Ambe, Sargianna Wutzke, Gabrielle Abouassaly, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. Members Jason Grueneich, Katie Houle, Sashay Schettler, and Katryce Kluck were absent.

2. Public Comment

No comment was received.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Committee member Young motioned to approve the item as presented, and Committee member Wutzke seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

4. Community Conversations

A. July 24, 2024

Chair Jorgensen discussed the upcoming Community Conversations Event with the group. The following guests have committed to being on the panel: Kirsten Dvorak, Matt McMerty, Royce Schuytze, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Committee member Katie Houle provided a template for the event programs. Chair Jorgensen will provide the panel biographies to be included in the program. Chaz Brobst will co-moderate the event with a member of the committee.

B. November 14, 2024

The committee will discuss the plans for the November 14, 2024, event at a later date.

5. Community Events

A. Recap of June Events

1. Juneteenth - Committee member Ambe and Committee member Abouassaly provided an update of the Juneteenth event.
2. World Refugee Day - Chair Jorgensen and Committee member Ambe shared information about World Refugee Day.

6. Budget Update

The committee reviewed the budget report provided by City Administration. They discussed ordering promotional materials for upcoming events. Committee member Wutzke motioned to approve ordering 500 HRC pens and 500 notebooks. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

The City Commission approved raising the Human Relations Committee's budget in its preliminary budget, but the final budget has not been approved.

7. Portfolio Holder Update - Commissioner Connelly

Assistant City Administrator, Doug Wiles, let the committee know that Commissioner Connelly had been assigned to the Human Relations Committee portfolio as a non-voting member. Commissioner Connelly was not able to attend this meeting.

8. These Are Your Neighbors Podcast Update

Chair Jorgensen and Committee member Wutzke provided an update on the podcast and possible upcoming guests.

9. Other Business

Chair Jorgensen addressed the topic of attendance. She stressed the importance of committee member attendance, as business cannot be conducted without a quorum of committee members.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.