



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

HRC Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024

of Attendees: 8

Recorded by: Liz Lennon (Liz) (Commission Administrator)

Committee Chair: Shon Smith **Vice Chair: Myra Vazquez**

Call to Order: Liz Lennon 6:00p.m.

1. Welcome/ Moment of Silence

Commissions Shon Smith welcomed visitors and requested a moment of silence. Chair Smith proceeded to share with visitors and members the special accommodations for the meeting including hearing and closed captions.

Keisha Daniels shared that she is new to the city and wanted to attend to get a feel of the commission and what they do.

2. Chair and Focus Area report

- **Education**
- **Employment Focus**
- **Human Service and Social Equity**

Chair Smith shared with the committee that the members discussed at the last quarterly meeting in March the upcoming changes for the MLK planning committee. He shared that Paula Washington shared the new process and requested the committee share their feedback on the selection process.

- **Montgomery Well Housing**
- **International Advisory Day**

Fanta Dorely mentioned that the committee is working strong on World Refugee Day in hopes that members can attend. She also shared that the National Women Voting League partnered with the committee on the discussion of “what’s happening at the border” which was a huge success.

Smita Sarkar also shared the date for the refugee day as well as the committee planning for the upcoming “women's only swimming day” with more information on that to come.

Council Abuzuaiter mentioned that she attended the fair housing luncheon and there was a lot of information that was shared that she is sure will be shared at the upcoming quarterly meeting

3. Staff Report

Liz Lennon thanked everyone once again for attending and mentioned the absence of Dr. Love, Human Rights director due to a prior engagement. She reminded everyone to keep in mind that



due to the summer and members taking vacation time, the commission will not meet for their regularly scheduled meeting and will meet during the July 27th quarterly meeting.

Liz also reiterated on the question asked earlier regarding the purpose of the focus area reports during the meetings. She shared that the purpose is to provide any reports on events and/or partnerships that will benefit the committee.

Lastly, Liz encouraged the members to please volunteer for the setup for the World Refugee day and has provided the link within the weekly reminders.

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4. Previous Business:

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5. New Business:

Smita Sarta requested more information regarding the Human Rights Gala in June. Liz then shared the purpose, theme, and location of the event and mentioned sending it via email to all members.

6. Absence:

Absence recorded.

7. Adjournment:

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Meeting Attendance:

Attendees: *Shon Smith, Sue Polinsky, Akeylah Campbell,*

Visitors: *Keisha Daniels, Smita Sarkar, Samuel Hawkns*

Council Liaison: *Marikay Abuzuaiter*

Staff: *Liz Lennon,*

Absent: *Bob Kollar, Myra Vazquez*

Approved: _____

Chairperson

Date

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