



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Human Rights Commission

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Wednesday, August 7, 2019

5:15 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

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#### Call to Order

Julia called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Julie McDermid, Jonathan Maye-Cates, Nese Nasif, Chauncy M. Turner

**Absent:** 4 - A Xiong, Justice Weaver, Brandon Perrine, Rhonda Staats

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion by Nasif, second by Turner to **APPROVE** the previous meeting minutes.

#### Agenda Items:

##### 1. Update on HRC Webpage.

Julia introduced the item and asked for volunteers. Nese is involving a student in digital marketing to assist and media department for possible assistance. Nese asked the staff to look into ways to make the page more searchable and more accessible. Discussion ensued on having a linked independent page or site. Julia mentioned listing all the groups that deal with issues related to discrimination. Jason mentioned housing policy. Nese suggested risks in the current housing situation (like tenants rights).

##### 2. Review and discussion on next steps for the strategic plan based on GARE onboarding call.

Julia asked group to login and bring back experiences at the next meeting. Chauncy mentioned the importance of generating advocacy through web offerings and outreach. Nese asked about how the HRC can do all the things one wants to do with the commission members they have. (How can they leverage/build relationships with partnering organizations to promote the HRC). Jonathan mentioned getting Mayor and Council more involved. Julia mentioned using housing data to forward policy recommendations. Nese mentioned needing to finish their work, such as: strategic plan, strategic forming plan, website improvement, community outreach, table to have a presence at events, form alliances, and be visible to Mayor and his promotions.

**3. Discussion and decision regarding how to support Waking up White Privilege Conference Project.**

Julia asked that they buy a quantity then donate them to other groups. Nese suggested there are many groups working on Waking Up White - does the HRC need to promote it if its already being promoted? Jonathan asked that they get the book because HRC has its own network. Nese asked that they invite other groups promoting the book to the HRC meeting. A motion by Turner, second by Maye-Cates to purchase 50 books. The motion carried.

**4. Ideas for work to begin on suggestions from Mosaic Fair Housing evaluation.**

**Adjournment**

The next meeting date is September 4th at 5:15 pm. A motion by Nasif, second by Maye-Cates to ADJOURN. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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