



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Human Rights Commission

Monday, November 4, 2019

5:15 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Julie McDermid called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Julie McDermid, A Xiong, Brandon Perrine, Jonathan Maye-Cates, Rhonda Staats, Chauncy M. Turner

Excused: 1 - Nese Nasif

Absent: 1 - Justice Weaver

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Perrine, seconded by Staats, to accept the meeting minutes from October. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. Election of New Chairperson

A motion by Staats to nominate Turner as new chair, seconded by Maye-Cates. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. Review reading of Waking Up White. Discuss next steps with regards to supporting the 2020 Waking Up White Regional Learning Collaborative.

Discussion of groups to challenge with group reading. Perrine will bring book and possible reading group proposal to Interfaith Leaders Coalition. Possibly set aside time at next meeting to discuss book content. Action steps: McDermid will Doodle group to find times for informal book discussion. McDermid will reach out to trained facilitators Schwarz, Harris and Strosahl to come to next meeting to discuss next steps.

3. HRC website and marketing updates from Nese.

McDermid provided updated from Nasif. No progress made by students this semester. Looking to find students for Spring 2020 semester.

4. Update on formation of affordable housing workgroup/task force.

Review of Affordable Housing Task Force Development. Pam Hartwell from habitat for Humanity La Crosse provided a summary from the HFH Advocacy Committee. Their ctee will begin work by reviewing data and holding community listening sessions to add meaning to the data. Caroline Gregerson discussed formation of a regional Affordable Housing Task Force. City staff time would have to be focused on action items from the Mosaic Fair Housing Analysis including supporting the HRC in its strategic planning process. One area of focus may be to obtain a detailed Affordable Housing Market study. Discussion regarding pro's and con's of creation of formal task force vs. coordinating informally. Action steps: each visitor will go back and discuss formation of a task force with their individual groups. McDermid will connect with Rebecca at YWCA to inform her about discussion and ask if YWCA will support. Caroline will speak with Charlie Handy. Matrix will send HRC strategic plan matrix to Caroline.

5. Review of matrix assignments and build out.

Link was not sent out with agenda and October meeting minutes. Action steps: McDermid will send out link to group. Commissioners will work on their assigned section.

6. Review of previous meeting questions/concerns regarding GARE membership.

Still need assistance on answers from previous meeting discussion - included with meeting minutes from September. Action steps: Request Jason review questions from October meeting minutes and provide response.

Adjournment

McDermid motions to adjourn, Perrine seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 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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