



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

5:15 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting is also being held virtually. E-mail kuhlmanl@cityoflacrosse.org if you have trouble logging in.

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Meeting ID: 859 6171 7663
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Call to Order

Littlejohn called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

Present: 8 - Tracy Littlejohn, Julia McDermid, A Xiong, Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Mac Kiel, Tashyra Bernard, Kristen Ringgenberg, Kristen Lettner

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Tracy Littlejohn, Julia McDermid, Tashyra Bernard, Kristen Lettner

Excused: 4 - A Xiong, Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Mac Kiel, Kristen Ringgenberg

Approval of Minutes

McDermid motioned to approve the minutes, Lettner seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Notices and Discussion

Agenda Items:

- 1 [22-0569](#) Fair Housing Complaint - Bridget A Karl v. Dawn Susan Relax Property Management - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

Attachments: [HRC Complaint - Bridget Karl_Redacted.pdf](#)

Complainant and Landlord were not in attendance. Littlejohn found no requirement in the municipal code for them to attend, but to consult City Attorney about it. Littlejohn was unclear whether complainant had an issue with her source of income or proof of income. McDermid stated that it is not illegal to request the documentation cited in the complaint and that it needed to show discrimination in the landlords refusal to rent to the complainant; it's legal for the applicant to request a copy of the background

The Wisconsin Democratic Convention is June 25-26 (<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/wisdems-convention-2022-tickets>). That could be an opportunity to get in front of elected officials. Hope Restores has been focusing on Paddling for Hope (<https://www.paddlingforhope.com/>), so town hall organizing was on back burner for them.

Next Meeting / Agenda Items

The next meeting will be 6/8. Agenda items may include recap of this month's agenda items.

Adjournment

Littlejohn adjourned the meeting at 6:34 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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