



## **Meeting Minutes**

Human Relations Office, City Hall

April 16, 2019

3:00pm

**Commission members present:** Kimberly Huff, Sheila Sandness, Morgan Jackson, Deb Aden

**Commission members absent:** Carolyn Ly-Donovan, Tana Zwart, Sarah Jo Jorgensen, Josh Reinfeld

**Staff present:** Valerie Schonewill, Human Relations Specialist

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:11 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There was a lack of quorum and the March minutes were not approved.

### **Human Relations Office Update**

Schonewill informed the commission that the new Human Relations/ADA attorney Daniel Haggar would be starting on April 26. The commission discussed providing the new attorney with a summary of projects they have worked on.

The commission also discussed its functions and role, suggested researching Disability Awareness Commissions in other cities about what they do. It was also suggested this commission partner with local business for trainings, and do outreach through public radio.

### **Discussion on Social Media**

This item was tabled until more commissioners could be present.

### **Civil Rights Update**

Schonewill provided the group with information about the Human Relations Office discrimination cases – 15 of the 43 open cases are based on disability.

On April 12, 2019 Assistant Attorney General in the DOJ Civil Rights Division Eric Dreiband gave an address at a Martin Luther King Jr. site regarding

disability rights. The DOJ is partnering with U.S. Attorneys across the nation to implement an ADA Voting Initiative to help ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in the voting process.

**Public Comment**

No public was present for public comment.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

The next DAC meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 3:00pm in the Human Relations Conference Room.

*Minutes submitted by Valerie Schonewill*