

MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2016



Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission

12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room
First Floor, City Hall

Commissioners:

Present: John Jones, Bill Wood, Alex Ramirez, Stephen Brennan, Sarah Bouwman, Deborah Deng, Jack Mortenson, Joanne Haase, James Larson

Absent: Henry Scere

Staff: Colleen Moran, Assistant City Attorney; Ryan Sage, Assistant City Attorney; Jennifer Tuttle, Human Relations Specialist

DAC Member Present: none

Guests Present: none

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ramirez moved to approve the August 08, 2016 meeting minutes. Wood seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Disability Awareness commission Update

No update was provided to the Commission.

4. Civil Rights Update

- A. Sage provided an update on a Sexual Identity Lawsuit.
- B. Sage provided an update on discrimination against pregnancy and how this continues to be an issue.

5. Case Panel

The Commission members were provided case panel assignments.

6. Continuing Business

- A. Compassionate Sioux Falls
 - a. Wood explained Compassionate Sioux Falls.
 - b. Wood provided an update on upcoming events.
 - c. Wood suggested Compassionate Sioux Falls videos be played at the next HRC meeting.
- B. Humanitarian Award
 - a. Commission members discussed the event.

- b. Haase stated that she appreciated the Mayor supporting and attending the event.
- c. Commission members believe it is important to continue the Compassionate Sioux Falls initiative.

7. New Business

A. Housing Presentation

- a. Sage informed the Commission the Human Relations Office has been providing presentations on Landlord-Tenant Rights.
- b. Sage informed the Commission the Human Relations Office was present at the South Dakota Multi-Housing Association's Reverse Trade Show.
- c. A suggestion was made to have a housing presentation for the Commission.
- d. Ramirez suggested providing housing information in video form.

B. Budget

- a. Specific budget information will be provided when available.

C. Roles and Responsibilities/Committee Assignments

- a. The Commission discussed a new meeting day of the third Thursday of each month.
- b. Haase moved to approve the new day. Larson seconded the motion. The new day was unanimously approved.
- c. Larson plans to add the topic of housing to his quarterly newsletter.
- d. The Commission discussed Roles and Responsibilities. The discussion will continue in the upcoming meetings.
- e. Haase wants an action plan/strategic plan. Also suggested having paperwork prepared in multiple languages.

8. Public Comment - none

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Moran.