

# MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2017



Sioux Falls  
Human Relations  
Commission

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

## Commissioners:

**Present:** Bill Wood, Jack Mortensen, Sarah Bouwman, Sunny Nester-Holtz, Shirley Halleen, Lindy Obach, Alex Ramirez, John Jones, Henry Scere

**Absent:** Brian Majerus, James Larson

**Staff:** Katie Dunn, Assistant City Attorney

**DAC Member Present:** none

**Guests Present:** none

## 1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:05

## Approval of Minutes

Jones moved to approve the September 21, 2017, meeting minutes. Halleen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## 2. Disability Awareness Commission

Dunn provided the DAC update concerning the recent meeting. Shelly, the Executive Director of the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, was the guest. She spoke about what the Coalition does and gathered input from the DAC about what the Coalition and Commission can do to work together in the future.

## 3. Compassionate Sioux Falls

Dunn provided CSF update concerning recent Community Potluck and Living Library.

## 4. New Business

A. Human Relations Office Statistics: Dunn reported that the HRO continues to receive a large number of housing calls. The HRO received approximately 133 housing contacts in September. To date (10/19) in October, the HRO has received approximately 76 housing contacts. In September the HRO had 61 employment contacts. To date through October, the HRO has had 45 employment contacts. Ramirez requested that next time we provide the number of complaints filed.

B. Training: Bouwman moved to make next meeting, 11/16/17, as training. Jones, seconded the motion.

## 5. Civil Rights Update

Dunn provided the Civil Rights Update. The update covered cases that were recently settled or filed with HUD. This led to a discussion on service animals and what the requirements are for making an accommodation for such an animal.

**6. Continuing Business**

A. Committees gathered to meet and discuss their respective topics.

**7. Re-Group**

Will pick up and break-out again at December Meeting.

**8. Public Comment**

None

**9. Adjournment**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

***Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Dunn. The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be November 16, 2017.***