

MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2018



Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission

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

Commissioners:

Present: Sarah Bouwman, Jack Mortenson, Brian Majerus, Shirley Halleen, Bill Wood, John Jones

Absent: Alex Ramirez, Lindy Obach, Sunny Nester Holtz

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 12:07, an official quorum was had at 12:15

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval was deferred until a quorum was reached. Upon this, Majerus moved to approve the January 18, 2018, meeting minutes. Bouwman seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Compassionate Sioux Falls

Wood provided the Compassionate Sioux Falls Update. Artability is scheduled for April 20, 2018, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Museum of Visual Materials. April 28, 2018, is the Library Compassionate Challenge. June 1, 2018, is the next Living Library, which will take place at the Washington Pavilion (on a First Friday).

4. New Business

A. Office statistics (13 complaints filed January to date (3-4 additional pending signature) 5 filed and transferred)

a. January

1. Employment: 64

2. Housing: 128

b. February

1. Employment: 58

2. Housing: 126

c. March

1. Employment: 69

2. Housing: 128

B. Fair Housing Month

The Human Relations Office has conducted three of the four scheduled trainings in recognition of Fair Housing month. It feels as though there has been an increase in calls, we will see what the numbers show.

C. Pride/Cinco de Mayo Booth

- a. HRC members are willing to volunteer for booths, will send out an email with a sign-up.

5. Continuing Business

New Board Members: submitted to Mayor's office, will be seated next month.

6. Civil Rights Update

Dunn discussed the data available concerning the demographics in Sioux Falls. We are a city that is increasing in diversity and we need to really understand the dynamics of our citizenry to know how we can best serve them and make sure they are being treated equally.

7. Public Comment

- A. None

8. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Dunn. The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be May 17, 2018.