

MINUTES

Thursday, June 21, 2018



Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission

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

Commissioners:

Present: Alex Ramirez, Bill Wood, Brian Majerus, Justine Donaway, Lindy Obach, Megan Grode-Wolters, Kayla Heber (non-voting)

Absent: Sarah Bouwman, Megan Myers (non-voting), Kassidy Smith (non-voting)

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 12:07pm. Ramirez moved to introduce new board members present. The new members, Donaway, Grode-Wolters, and Heber, introduced themselves. The veteran commissioners introduced themselves as well.

2. Approval of Minutes

Majerus moved to approve the April 19, 2018, meeting minutes. Wood seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Compassionate Sioux Falls

Wood provided an explanation of Compassionate Sioux Falls to the new Commission members.

4. New Business

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

a. April

1. Employment: 53

2. Housing: 153

b. May

1. Employment: 77

2. Housing: 179

B. Election of Officers: Wood was elected to be Commission Chair, Ramirez was elected to be Commission Vice Chair, and Bouwman was elected to be 3rd Officer.

C. Employment Outreach: Dunn discussed need to engage community on employment issues. Obach suggested partnering with LSS-Center for New

Americans, conducting a workshop for students. There was discussed about utilizing subcommittees. Majerus moved to refer outreach to employment committee, who will work with marketing committee to further this purpose. Motion seconded by Ramirez. Motion passed.

5. Civil Rights Update

Ramirez was interviewed on Kelo about his experience with family separation, and so he was asked to provide this story for those on the Commission that may have missed it.

6. Public Comment

A. None

7. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Dunn. The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be July 19, 2018.