



MINUTES
HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – Council Conference Room

1. **Call to Order** – Present: Joe Allen, David Dove, Jerome Kahn (Chair), Carrie Myer, Kalene Nisly, Natasha Russell-Iverson, Mike Sullivan and Sue Wray (V. Chair). Meryl Dye (Staff Liaison) was also present. Absent: Olivia Martinez.
2. **Oral Communications by Audience** – No audience.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –Wray made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2018. Sullivan seconded the motion and motion passed. (There was no meeting in June.)
4. **Reports**
 - A. Attendance Record - Dye said HHRC attendance complies with the attendance rule.
 - B. Informal Complaint Report – Kahn shared the Informal Complaint Report that noted there was one (1) complaint for May based on Ancestry Discrimination in Public Accommodations and one (1) complaint for June based on Race Discrimination in Employment. Dye referred both Complainants to the Kansas Human Rights Commission to file formal charges of discrimination.
5. **Unfinished Business** –
 - A. Reappointments and Vacancies – Dye said the terms of office for David Dove and Olivia Martinez will expire on 9/11/2018, and these members are not eligible for reappointment. Therefore, this will create two new vacancies on the HHRC. Also, the terms of office for Kalene Nisly and Natasha Russell-Iverson expire on 9/11/2018, and both members are eligible to serve another three-year term. Sullivan made a motion to recommend to the Mayor the reappointment of Nisly and Russell-Iverson. Wray seconded the motion, which passed. Dye will send the recommendation to the Mayor for approval during the August 7th City Council meeting. Also, Dye will provide copies of the Application for Appointment form to HHRC members to share with others.

There was no other unfinished business.
6. **New Business** – Discussion was held concerning Staff Liaison support to the HHRC following Dye’s retirement on September 17th. Dye said City Manager John Deardoff has agreed to meet with the HHRC during the regular meeting scheduled for August 15th. Members expressed concern in carrying out future programs and activities, and the staffing of monthly meetings. After much discussion, members want to hear what Mr. Deardoff has to say, but believe a study session with the City Council is needed to get direction on the future of the HHRC. Dye was asked to relay these concerns to Deardoff.

Carrie Myer announced the activities of the Emancipation Day Celebration from August 2nd through August 5th as follows:

- Aug 2nd – A movie titled “Wonder” will be shown at Stringer Fine Arts in the evening.
- Aug 3rd – Jazz concert and 3-on-3 Basketball at Avenue A Park in the evening.
- Aug 4th – Emancipation Day Celebration Parade at 10 a.m. along Main Street from Ave. B to 12th Ave, followed by lunch and a car show at Stringer Fine Arts. A dance that evening at the Encampment Building on the Fairgrounds.
- Aug 5th – Gospel Fest at 3 p.m. at Stringer Fine Arts followed by an ice-cream social.

7. **Communications and Comments** – None.

8. **Adjournment** – Allen made a motion to adjourn. Wray seconded the motion that passed.

Minutes prepared by Meryl Dye, Staff Liaison.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. – Council Conference Room