

HUTCHINSON  
*Human Relations*  
COMMISSION

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HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
Zoom Call Meeting

1. **Call to Order** – Present; Dixon, Russell-Iverson, Frischenmeyer, Juma, Sotelo Holquin, Grissom, Cowser, Smith Armstrong Absent: NONE!!
2. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**  
Nomination for 2020-21 Chair position was made by Russel-Iverson for a vote of Sotelo Holquin the vote was seconded by Frischenmeyer and carried unanimously  
Nomination for 2020-2021 Vice Chair position was made by Sotelo Holquin for Russell Iverson vote seconded by Grissom carried unanimously
3. **Oral Communications by Audience** -N/A
4. **Approval of Minutes** – August 19, 2020 – Motioned by Frischenmeyer and seconded by Dixon Motion carried unanimously
5. **Unfinished Business**

Housing Crisis updates dur to Covid19 – HRO advised have reached out to the Housing commission and City PIO to start posting information on Housing Evictions info. The Housing commission meeting is scheduled for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> HRO hopes to hear more info thereafter.

Ordinance Review for LGBTQ Civil Rights - Update on action taken by KHRC to date no further info being shared from city attorney on how to update the ordinance. Waiting on directive from KHRC in order to mirror their language. Commissioner Armstrong suggested that we could do some education marketing material Chair Sotelo-Holquin suggested that the sub-committees could pick up this effort and make recommendations

Proposed Programming for the Commission for 2021 Fiscal Year– HRO proposed Programing recommendations and provided outline. Commissioner Juma suggested that we save some funds on non in person events in order to use the bulk of funds in in person opportunity Commissioner Russell Iverson wanted to revisit the material that was presented from 2020 and offer the same group sessions again. Commissioner Juma suggested that doing the Deconstructing equity with new partnerships like Heartland Credit Union could be helpful Commissioner Russell Iverson suggested that we may have even more organizational partnerships that were not engaged before. Chair Sotelo Holquin suggested that we have some remarkable support from the community, and we can maximize those partnerships

Subcommittee Proposal–HRO presented subcommittees for commissioners to be able to do connect with one another on research and activities outside of the Monthly Meetings. Sub Committees presented were: **Communication** – Commissioners Smith and Dixon, **Policy Review** – Commissioners Russell- Iverson and Armstrong **Outreach** – Commissioner Frischenmeyer, Cowser and Juma **Education** Chair Sotelo Holquin and Commissioner Grissom

6. **New Business**

Welcoming of New Commissioners – Chair Sotelo Holquin thanks the new commissioners for their willingness to join

7. **Communications and Comments**

A. **Commissioners Reports –**

**Russell – Iverson** reported on her attendance to Emporia and their rally for the Hale Family who were victims of Emporia State University discrimination.

B. **HRO Activity Report** – HRO Reviewed Activities for the Month and provided 0 new cases. Much work being done at this time was centered on creation of the HYC. – Commissioners reviewed the HYC By-laws and discussion ensued about ensuring equity in the language and the effectiveness of the bylaws.

Commission expressed concern for diversity on the HYC but agreed that it will need to take diversity into account once this pilot year concludes. HRO hoped to get more youth of color but was unable to get a commitment at this time. HRO Confirmed that with limited advertisement ability the HYC was developed with a focus group from Hutchinson High. HRO advised that the By-laws will be sent to the commission for further review and feedback in the next day.

8. **Adjournment** – Motioned by Russell Iverson seconded by Frischenmeyer - Passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Datjaeda Moore, Human Relations Officer

**Next Meeting: October 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall – TBD**