

Hutchinson Human Relations Commission

MINUTES HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION Wednesday, October 16, 2019 Clayworks - Classroom 1

1. **Call to Order** - Present were, Boyd, Myer, Nisly, Russell-Iverson, Johnson, Reiss, Cowser and Juma. Absent was Barlow.
2. **Oral Communications by Audience**

Theresa Preston from Clayworks spoke about the programs offered at the space and the creative art that is designed by clients and sold to the public. All profits from sales go back to the clients.

Patty Holt from DCF spoke about the new jobs' programs being offered in Reno County for those who are utilizing the food assistance programs.

Max Pierce shared about the poverty simulation and asked that the commission consider participating. It is being held on November 14th at the Park Place Church from 6pm - 7pm. Additionally the Housing and Beyond Project has started and is already taking in clients.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - The September 18, 2019 Minutes were reviewed, and an edit was put forth to correct the spelling of Commissioner Myers' last name. The motion made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Reiss passed unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**

Survey Review and Discussion :

Additional conversation regarding who needs to get the survey and how it will be tracked. Chair Russell-Iverson recommended that it would be ideal to get at least 5,000 responses to gauge a good view of discrimination within the city. HRO advised PSA and press releases will be used to make sure the public is informed.

Sponsorship plan for Deconstructing Diversity

HRO advised that there is a lot of conversation about this workshop and we are hoping to get sponsors that send participants as well as monetary support.

5. **New Business**

Bylaws -

- Chair Russell-Iverson reports that she had asked a few commissioners to help with review and edits of the bylaws. Chair Russell-Iverson asked again and Vice Chair Johnson and Commissioner Cowser volunteered to serve on the bylaw committee.

6. **Communications and Comments**

A. Commissioners Reports

Vice Chair Johnson reported that:

- Nov 23rd at 10:00 a.m. is the Hutchinson Christmas Parade with the theme of honoring first responders and asked that the commission consider participation. Johnson suggested that we do a float. Chair Russell-Iverson mentioned that we have the banners and could easily attach them to a truck and pass out candy. Commissioner Myer offered possible use of a bucket truck in honor of City workers. A vote was taken to participate in the parade, passed unanimously. Myer volunteered to work on float creation.
- Tech has their Annual Gala and Johnson encouraged all to participate November 9th.
- Johnson asked if it would be a good idea for the Commission to have a separate social media page. HRO advised that she would consult with City leadership.

Commissioner Nisly reported that November 8th - 9th she is participating in a photo show called "Harm to Home" located in McPherson, encourage the commission to come out and support.

Commissioner Juma brought up the reservation for the Community Foundation meeting room and asked the group if we were keeping the meeting space or canceling.

- Vote was taken and passed with 8 in agreement, to keep the meeting room at the Community Foundation for November.

B. HRO - Activity Report

No report made due to time constraints; prepared report sent via email following day.

7. **Adjournment** - Motioned by VC Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Cowser all in favor

Minutes prepared by Datjaeda Moore, Human Relations Officer

**Next Meeting: November 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Community Foundation - 1 N Main St #501 - Conference Room**