

HUTCHINSON
Human Relations
COMMISSION

MINUTES

HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

1. **Call to order**
 - a. Present: **Armstrong, Cowser, Frischenmeyer*, Johnston, Juma, Mendez-Rosario, Russell-Iverson*, Smith.**
Absent: **Grissom.**
2. **Oral Communications by audience**
 - a. none
3. **Minutes: Approval of minutes**
 - a. **Motion to Approve Minutes of May 19, 2021, Meeting by Commissioner Armstrong, Johnston seconds. Passes unanimously.**
4. **Old Business**
 - a. None
5. **New Business**
 - a. Educational Plan
 - i. HRO Sotelo presents recommendations for a Hutchinson Human Relations Commission Educational Plan. The commissioners discuss benefits of making this an annual plan and educating commissioners as they join the commission. Commissioner Johnston suggested a starting date at the first meeting in October to sync with commissioner terms.
 - ii. **Motion to approve recommended educational plan for Hutchinson Human Relations Commission Educational Plan annually starting in July**

2021, and in October the following year. Motioned by Johnston.

Seconded by Armstrong. Passes Unanimously.

b. New 2021 Programing Funds

- i. HRO Sotelo informed commission of their role with the funds provided by the Hutchinson Community Foundation (HCF). HCF pledged \$20,00 per year for a 3-year period starting on 2021. Commissioners can make recommendations as a body, but the HRO has the discretion to use the funds without HHRC approval.
- ii. Commissioner Armstrong introduced the idea of hosting talks open to the community and make continuing education hours available to those who attend. Armstrong also informed commissioners that she had inquired with Professor Kim Norwood about giving a talk in Hutchinson supported by the Human Relations Office.
- iii. Commissioner Russell-Iverson requested that HRO Sotelo investigates the planning of events hosted by the HHRC in 2020.
- iv. HRO Sotelo suggests developing a plan for how to spend guest speaker fees and presented it at the next meeting.
- v. **Commissioner Johnston makes motion to table discussion and approval of recommendations to next meeting. Commissioner Cowser seconds. Passes unanimously.**

6. Reports on Human Relations Activities

a. Strategic Planning

- i. HRO Sotelo informed the commission of ongoing consulting with WSU Community Engagement Institute for strategic planning for the HHRC.

b. Complaints and investigations.

- i. Sotelo informed commissioners on ongoing investigations and complaints.

7. Communications and Comments

- a. Chairperson Frichenmeyer informed commissioners of upcoming ADA celebration at Chester I Lewis Plaza on Friday, July 23 at 5:30pm. The celebration will include speakers, food, and music.
- b. Commissioner Russell-Iverson informed commissioners of her work and discussions with Author working on the Dockum Drug Store Sit-In. She also

informed commissioners that there were no updates from the community conversations on COVID-19.

- c. Commissioner Johnston invited Commissioners to attend the candidate forum hosted by the NAACP on June 24th. He also reminded commissioners that June is Pride Month. He invited commissioners to watch the film Love Victor and series Love Simon on the streaming app Hulu.

8. Adjournment:

- a. **Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Mendez-Rosario. Cowser seconds. Passes unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by David Sotelo, Human Relations Officer

Next Meeting: July 21, 2021, at 4:00pm at City Hall