

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
August 14, 2017**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:36 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017, at the City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, Conference Room II, Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Adrienne Breitfelder Indigo Channing Miquel Jackson	Kate Parks Shirley Templeton Vaughn
Absent:	Sarah Fisher Jay Schiesl, Vice Chair	Fred Davis
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 12 and June 16, 2017. Commissioner Templeton Vaughn seconded. All in favor.

Caseload Report

The June 2017 and July 2017 Caseload Reports were received and filed.

Chairperson Report

Iowa Access to Justice – The expungement fairs are planned to begin in February 2018 and will take place in four communities in Iowa. With phase II, they will look at technical aspects.

The Coalition is collaborating with the Dream Center in forming a focus group with the goal of helping young black females in the community.

Steeple Square – The group has met their funding goal, and the Francis Home Apartments are now available for rent. They continue to promote the space for events.

The NAACP has invited Alvin Nash to provide an update about the housing choice voucher program rebranding and source of income. The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is planned for November 4th.

Director's Report:

The quarterly Director's Report was provided.

Old Business:

Commissioners were reminded of their goal setting session that is planned for Saturday, August 19th at EB Lyons Interpretive Center.

New Business: - Communication Regarding Partnering with International Day of Peace

Commissioner Channing moved to partner with the International Day of Peace Festival. Commissioner Parks seconded. All in favor. The Commissioner will be listed as a partner in promotional materials, and the DHRC will promote the event through commission contacts for the Day of Peace.

Anthony reminded commissioner that the BBQ in DBQ is an event they sponsor during the Festival. He encouraged commissioner participation in staffing booths at this event. Shirley and Adrienne volunteered to participate.

City Expo is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Five Flags. Anthony and Shirley will assist with the staff booth at this event.

Standing Items: Goals

Goal 1: Research, illuminate and eliminate disparities and increase cultural competencies in education, housing, and employment. Initiatives identified.

Dan LoBianco, Rick Dickinson and Maurice Jones will be attending next month's meeting to speak to the commission as to what their plans are for downtown Dubuque.

Goal 2:

Initiative 1: Educate the community on transgender rights and begin with education of the Commission.

Initiative 2: Continue to improve communication within and among community groups to improve human rights initiatives.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Parks seconded to adjourn. The Commission adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____