

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
January 14, 2019**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Nicole Borovic Gerald Hammel Miquel Jackson	Ashley Melchert Erin Muenster Kate Parks Jay Schiesl, Vice Chair
Absent:	Adrienne Breitfelder	
Staff:	Kelly Larson Taj Suleyman	Carol Spinoso

Commissioner Allen explained that since Dubuque Community Schools staff were unable to attend today's meeting, he invited Ed Raber to present today and moved school staff to February 11, 2019.

Oath of Office

The Chair administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Parks and Hammel.

Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2018

Motion by Schiesl, second by Jackson to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2018. All in favor. Commissioner Parks abstained.

Reports

Caseload Report

The December 2018 caseload report was received and filed.

Chairperson's Report

The Chair announced the Martin Luther King Jr. tribute and breakfast celebration this coming weekend.

The Multicultural Family Center is planning a Black History event on February 26.

Director's Report

No report given.

Old Business

New Business

Appoint Alternate DHRC Commissioner to Dubuque Community Police Relations Committee
Jay Schiesl resigned as alternate DHRC representative to the DCPRC. Commissioner Melchert volunteered to replace Schiesl on that Committee.

Request for DHRC Sponsorship for Black History Event

Corey Young, Health Educator with Hillcrest Professional Health, contacted staff about possible sponsorship of an event they are planning on February 2, 2019. The planned

event is a drag show in honor of Black History Month along with observing Black AIDS Awareness Day. Commissioner Schiesl moved and Commissioner Parks seconded to sponsor the event at the Silver Sponsor level for \$100. Roll call:

Anthony Allen	Aye	Ashley Melchert	Aye
Nicole Borovic	Aye	Erin Muenster	Aye
Gerald Hammel	Aye	Kate Parks	Aye
Miquel Jackson	Aye	Jay Schiesl	Aye

Motion carried.

Standing Items: Goals

Goal #1: Education

The Chair commented that Jubek New World Brewing hosts monthly gatherings for conversation on various topics every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. This month's conversation focused on equity.

Goal #2: Housing

Ed Raber, Director of Dubuque True North, provided a quarterly update on the progress of that initiative. To date, there haven't been any vacant properties renovated, but recently three properties have been purchased. Letters are being sent to various businesses, organizations, and institutions inviting partnership opportunities. Ed will return in May 2019 to provide another update. Also in May, they will begin the planning process for hosting community discussions in an attempt to connect residents with Ed and True North staff.

Goal #3: Employment

Commissioner Jackson advised that Resource Unite will act as the fiscal agent for the Race Conference. The breakout sessions have been solidified and they have speakers for most of them. Rick Dickenson from GDCC has committed funds for this event, and they will continue to seek sponsorship.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Jackson motioned and Commissioner Schiesl seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 11, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd.

Minutes approved as submitted: 

Minutes approved as corrected: _____