

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

Commissioner Schiesl called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:32 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:

Adrienne Breitfelder	Kate Parks
Miquel Jackson	Jay Schiesl, Vice-Chair
Gerald Hammel	Jason Keeler

Absent: Erin Muenster Anthony Allen, Chair

Staff: Kelly Larson Carol Spinoso

Approval of Minutes from September 9 and 26, 2019

Motion by Parks second by Breitfelder to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2019. All in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion by Breitfelder second by Parks to approve the meeting minutes of September 26, 2019. All in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as submitted.

Reports

Caseload Report

The September 2019 Caseload Report was received and filed.

Chairperson's Report

Old Business

Discuss and Approve Op-ed for TH

In review, minutes from the September 26th special meeting indicated that commissioners would respond with an op-ed that is more proactive to educate the community on bias motivated incidents, and that ideas would be solicited at the October meeting when a full commission was present. It was suggested that a police representative attend the November meeting to provide an update as to where the investigation stands. It was suggested that they have a discussion next month to develop a standard response to these incidents moving forward. Commissioner Hammel moved to table discussion and approval of the op-ed pending updates from the police and further discussion on a standardized response moving forward. Commissioner Parks second. All in favor.

New Business

Public Works, LLC – Discussion on Consolidated Plan and Equitable Poverty Prevention Plan

Dr. Linda Rhodes and consultants from Public Works, LLC, attended the Commission meeting as they are meeting with various groups and individuals gathering input on the Equitable Poverty Prevention Plan. They will analyze the data collected, take a look at best practices, and tailor those to Dubuque's needs.

Update Liaison List:

Some obvious edits related to the change in commissioner membership and City staff assignments were noted. Commissioner Hammel moved to suspend additional updates until the November meeting. Commissioner Breitfelder seconded. All in favor.

Standing Items: Goals

Goal #1: Education

Nothing to report.

Goal #2: Housing

A suggestion was made to take a look at the options and suggestions from the last Impediments to Fair Housing Report that were not acted upon by City Council. Kelly provided an update to SOI, stating that in the spring 2020, with license renewal, housing providers will be required to provide data related to voucher acceptance and unit locations to determine a baseline.

Goal #3: Employment

Update on Race Conference Planning

Commissioner Jackson stated there were currently 193 registered for the Race in the Heartland Conference that begins Friday. Panel members for the Public Forum are Jackie Hunter, Brett Shaw, Ernina Soler, Ernst Jackson, and Mark Dalsing. They are seeking volunteers to staff the DHRC and DCPRC booths from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Breitfelder motioned and Commissioner Jackson seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 18, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____