



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION S MEETING
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**109 E. OLIVE STREET. Bloomington, IL
City Hall – Council Chambers and Conference Room
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order -Roll Call of Attendance:

Present-Commissioners: McGinnis, Ajayi, Jones, Smith

Absent- Commissioners: West, Krishna, Koran

We have a quorum

II. Public Comment

Emily Petri (5:00-5:20 pm) Brief overview of Prairie State Legal Services' Fair Housing work; services they provide and general information regarding fair housing law. The Commission would like to invite her back for a regular agenda item with 15 minutes of Q&A.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Consideration of approving the minutes of the Human Relations Commission Special Meeting of Wednesday January 8, 2020.

Commissioner Ajayi moved for approval of minutes

Commissioner Jones seconded.

All approve. Motion carries.

IV. Agenda Items

Selection of Vice-Chairperson -discussion- selection need to be done my majority vote and will be for a 2-year term. Preference of Commission is to wait until next regularly scheduled meeting on March 11th so all Commissioner can have input.

Chairperson Smith reminded Commissioners that attendance is expected and that if you can't be present you must notify the Chair. Your voice is needed, and your presence is expected.

V. Old Business

- a. MLK Debrief

Two additional checks were turned in to Mr. Hurt last week. Feedback was favorable. There was adequate coverage at the front door and front table; the event

went well with no major problem; the setup at the university was good; it was a good experience overall.

There was some negative feedback regarding the speaker: Spend more to get a better speaker. Clarify our expectations to the speaker; get copy of Speakers notes ahead of time;

Attendance was low this year, around 300 attendees when compared to other years with 600 attendees. There is definitely room for improvement.

Next MLK Event is scheduled for January 16, 2021. ISU will again be the venue.

VI. New Business

- a. NHRC had invited BHRC to their February meeting. However, no Commissioners attended on the advice of City Staff. Have City staff from both Bloomington and Normal meet to discuss planning for next event. Discuss agenda for a joint meeting. Have Mr. Hurt reach out to Asst. City Manager Eric Hansen to discuss a possible agenda, their funding and their level of involvement.

b. Discussion of budget increase for FY2021

Training and Enrichment funds-increase budget \$3000-\$4000. Come up with three (3) training opportunities with cost so we can have back up justification for request of additional funds.

Find out associated cost for the Black Business Directory and Speaker Fee.

Commissioner Ajayi will have ordinance update on Black Business Directory in the next couple of weeks.

VII. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 11, 2020

VIII. Adjournment: 6:01 pm