



Northfield Human Rights Commission
MEETING MINUTES RECORD

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Meeting: Human Rights Commission

Date: April 12, 2018

Location: City Hall

Start Time: 6 PM

Adjourn Time: PM

Members present: Mar Valdecantos (until 7 PM), Angelique Dietz, Shafqat Igbal, Richard deBeau, Larry Fowler, Isaac Riggins—Youth Commissioner, Keara Cooney—Youth Commissioner, Siri Hoff—Youth Commissioner

Members Absent: Corinne Smith, Justin London, Lucy Miron, Rigoberto Lazaro

Liaison Present: Ben Martig—City Administrator; Rhonda Pownell – Mayor, City of Northfield

Others present: Royal Ross (observer)

Item	Discussion/Conclusions	Action
Call to Order	Roll call and introduction	A roll call was taken of members present and a quorum was present.
Approval of Agenda	Review	The agenda was approved as presented. M: RD, S: SH: P - unanimously
Approval of Minutes	March 8, 2018 minutes	M: DB S: KC P: unanimously

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Presentation		
Open Microphone for Residents	Beth Kallastad (also member of the Northfield Park Board) – U of M Extension. Welcoming America program introduction. Welcoming Week – encouraging people to do events welcoming new comers to their community, this year scheduled for September.	
Agenda Items		
#2 Najwa Neighborhood Meals	Najwa’s husband, Tom, and son are interested in collaborating with the HRC on organization. Location: northwest side, near Najwa’s home, possibly at Greenvale Park Date: Saturday, July 21 (rainday: Saturday 28) Time: 12-3 p.m. Committee: Shafqat (Chair) Richard, Keara, Tom. To do: update HRC Brochure Seek collaboration with Growing Up Healthy, Greenvale Community School. Shafqat will send out an email to all to get the planning started.	
Presentations		

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#3 School Diversity	See materials submitted by Valdecantos with the agenda. We are welcome to join the Bloomington meetings on Tuesday mornings. None of the HRC members present are able to do so.	
#4 GARE training	Racial Equity Training overview by Martig. Martig presented a vision on how the HRC can play a role in this work for our City. DeBeau conducts trainings with city staff. HRC members watched <i>Power of an Illusion</i> , on the systematic and structural discrimination of African Americans in post WW2 housing policies. The City has the rights to show this movie at all its RATs.	
#5 Special Strategic Planning Session	Because of many time conflicts, Martig suggested to have our SSPS on May 10, during regular meeting time. Pizza provided.	M: AD S: MV P: Unanimously
Reports From Commission Members		
	Dietz (secretary): joined Northfield Retirement	

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	Community, representing the HRC perspective. DeBeau; reminded us of Teresa Jensen's request for quotes for the City ID campaign. Cooney: Walk Out for Gun Control on March 14 successful and thanked all who attended.	
Report From Liaisons		
	Martig: April 25 - Recognition with Board and Commission, please RSVP 5 pm Weitz Center April 16 – League of Women Voters presentation on the importance of Census, important to City to get a Complete Count, important for financial allocation.	
Adjourn		
Adjourn the meeting		M: RB S: IH P: unanimously
	Thursday, 8:18 April 12, 2018, at, in City Hall	

Submitted by: Angelique Dietz - HRC Secretary