

Northfield Human Rights Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Human Rights Commission

Date: December 12, 2019 Location: City Hall Start Time: 4 PM Adjourn Time: 5:20 PM

Members present: Mar Valdecantos, Angelique Dietz, Larry Fowler, Joan Hepburn, Richard deBeau, Youth Members: Esperanza Carrera Murga, Grant Bouvin, Chloe Thomas-Green.

Members Absent: Lucy Miron, Rigoberto Lazaro, Shafqat Iqbal, Justin London

Liaison Present: Beth Kallestad (City Liaison), Tom Baraniak (School Board)

Liaison Absent: Clarice Grenier Grabau (City Council)

Others present

| Item | Discussion/Conclusions | Action |
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| 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. |
| Open Microphone for Residents' to Express Concerns | n/a | |
| Approval of Minutes | | A motion was made by Chloe and seconded by Larry to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. |
| Presentation | | |
| | None scheduled | |
| AGENDA | | |
| 19-1234 (MLK- planning) | We have not received any nominations for the Human Rights Award. Larry recommends Corinne Smith, former HRC member for 9 years and overall community activist involved in various organizations at a leadership role. Joan, keynote speaker, asks for names of individuals and organizations to be included in her address, especially youth. Beth will order cookies. | Richard moves to award the Human Rights Award to Corinne Smith, seconded by Angelique. Motion passed. Mar will contact Corinne. |

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| | Angelique will invite LWC and CCC to table in the lobby of Emmaus. The Northfield Youth Choir and the Justice Choir will perform. Open mic will be limited to 5 mins per person. | |
| 19-1235 (2020 agenda) | See agenda packet – draft agenda. Matt Hillman will attend in January. Monte Nelson will attend in February Together with the affordable housing campaign. We can have two meetings per year at Greenvale Park School. The topic of youth homelessness was brought up by Larry as well. It was discussed to get better informed about this issue and put time and energy into raising further awareness in the community. | |
| Additional agenda item | Beth Kallestad requests for highlights of the HRC work in 2019: Najwa's Community Picnic Northfield Historical Society – oral history on immigrant community project is coming to an end. Mar has worked on this with others in the community. Land acknowledgement statement, collaboration between the City and both colleges. International Day of Peace addressed Climate Action Northfield Reads | |
| New Business | | |
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| Reports From Commission Members | | |
| | deBeau: announces his retirement from the HRC, after two terms, serving part of his time as chairman, overseeing the City ID passing in 2017. Valdecantos: spoke with the Arts and Culture Committee about the development of a plaque to report the history of the name of the Cannon River to be placed by the river. Teresa Jensen is City Liaison to ACC on this issue. Hepburn: will not renew her membership of the HRC because of upcoming research commitment during her sabbatical. She will visit the History Center in connection with the Land Acknowledgement Statement in the coming weeks. Kallestad: the City ID can be issued with the true name (the name that the individual uses) without requiring a new city ordinance. City will assign a staff person to take minutes Baraniak: this may be a good time to discuss renaming Sibley school because of | |
| | the construction project. School board still discussing changes in the starting time New dyslexia training at schools. | |
| Report From Liaisons | | |
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| Adjourn | | |
| Adjourn the meeting | | A motion was made by Angelique and seconded by Richard to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. Motion passed. |
| | Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 5:20, in City Hall | |

Submitted (for the very last time $\textcircled{\sc 0}$) by: Angelique Dietz, HRC Secretary