



CITY OF NORMAN, OK
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING
Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room
201 West Gray St., Norman, OK 73069
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The Human Rights Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Complex located at 201 West Gray St. on November 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were duly posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT

Commission Chair Jackie Farley
Commission Vice-Chair Aisha Ali
Commissioner Chris Nanny
Commissioner Dr. Binbin Weng
Commissioner Christopher Tallbear
Commissioner Michael Ridgeway
Commissioner Stephen Machovic

ABSENT

Commissioner Samuel Woodfork
Commissioner Michael Kihega

STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney
Sarah Encinias, Legal Admin Tech

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 24, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Nanny to approve the Minutes for the October 24, 2022, regular meeting and the motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ali. A vote was taken with the following results: all approved, and none opposed. The Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER, STEPHEN MACHOVIC

Commissioners briefly introduced themselves to Commissioner Machovic.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2023 HRC MEETING CALENDAR

Commissioners unanimously approved the 2023 meeting calendar with monthly meetings being held on the fourth Monday of every month, with the exception of January and December. A Schedule of Meetings will be completed and submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Commissioners continued group discussion regarding the 10 nominations received for the 2022 Human Rights Award. A finalist was chosen and a vote was taken with the following results: all approved, and none opposed. Norman Care-A-Vans was chosen by unanimous vote as the award recipient. The award is scheduled to be presented at the City Council meeting on December 13, 2022.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2023 INTERFAITH BREAKFAST

Mr. Purinton and Chair Farley discussed tasks required in order to organize the Mayor's Interfaith Breakfast. Traditionally, this event is held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of every year and includes a collection of prayers given by members of various faith organizations. It is held at a host church and breakfast pastry foods are served by a local caterer, the cost of which comes out of the Mayor's budget. All Human Rights Commissioners are required to attend and an agenda will be posted by the City.

Mr. Purinton said City staff will complete the invitation, send out emails and track the RSVP process. Staff will also complete agreements for service with the church and caterer. Chair Farley will be the introduction speaker for both the mayor and the keynote speaker. Commissioners Ali and Nanny volunteered to contact and organize all other speakers and to distribute paper notices of the event. The remaining commissioners volunteered for all other needs on the day of the breakfast.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Chair Farley asked commissioners to keep meeting discussions focused on agenda items and that the discussions should not take so long as to encroach on time needed for the rest of the agenda. She would like to see everyone involved in the meetings and that commissioners come prepared by reading materials prior to the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.