

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 9, 2023**

#### ***Present***

Luanne Lo Monte; Robert Lundquist; Ryan Maley; Annette McMahon; Ricky Rodgers; Susan Sosa Bachmeier; William H. Small Jr; Penelope Torres

#### ***Absent***

Robert Lundquist; Hortencia Ramos

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairperson Small called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Ryan Maley took roll call and noted a quorum was present.

Michele Clark of the City of Aurora was present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Lo Monte moved the minutes from the January 12, 2023, be approved., Ms. Sosa Bachmeier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

#### **New Commissioners**

Chairperson Small notified Commissioners that an interview with a potential commissioner is happening tomorrow. If that person is appointed, there will be one remaining vacancy.

#### **Upcoming Presentations**

Chairperson Small stated he feels that there are opportunities to collaborate with the Senior and Disability Services Commission who presented to the Commission during the last meeting.

Commissioners discussed attending an upcoming meeting of that Commission. Chairperson Small will schedule a meeting with them on March 13 and invited other commissioners to attend.

He would like to schedule a meeting with the African American Heritage Advisory Board and present information about the Human Relations Commission. He is working to schedule a meeting with them. Since the AAHAB meets on the same day as our commission, it may be appropriate to cancel our meeting in order to present at the AAHAB meeting.

### **Disbursement of Approved Funds**

Since the last meeting, checks have been presented to African American Men of Unity (AAMOU), Wud County African American Chamber of Commerce (QCAACC), and, most recently, World Relief, Interfaith Aurora.

Ms. Sosa Bachmeier discussed World Relief's mission to help refugees. She feels it has definitely contributed to the diversity in Aurora. Ms. McMahon commented on the extensive programs available from World Relief and how she will refer people to the agency.

She also stated that Interfaith Aurora works to bring knowledge of the diverse faiths present in Aurora to the community. They host an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving event and meet regularly at the Pease House in Aurora.

Mr. Maley is still trying to contact other organizations and Ms. Clark will contact some of the City advisors to the groups.

### **Community Outreach Updates**

Ms. Sosa Bachmeier reported there will be a fundraising event at World Relief in April.

Mr. Maley reported that he attended the inaugural meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Board. The board is forming and brainstorming many ideas about their activities. Mr. Maley let the board know that the Human Relations Commission is happy to work with them on appropriate activities.

### **Complaints**

There are no open complaints at this time.

### **Next Meeting**

Chairperson Small stated the next meeting will be March 9, 2023.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Rodgers moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Torres seconded. Commissioners unanimously agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ryan Maley*