

Minutes

Name: Aurora Human Relations Commission

Date: 13 July 2023

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Location: 44 E. Downer Place, 5B Conference Room of City Hall.

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Small called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
2. Roll Call
 - Present – Luanne Lo Monte, Ryan Maley, Maureen McKane, Susan Bachmeier, William Small, Penelope Torres, Robert Lundquist, Annette McMahon, Ricky Rogers.
 - Absent – Hortencia Ramos
3. Others Present –
 - Michele Clark, COA
 - Brittney Keller and Ivan Quinones, LGBTQ Advisory Board. Looking forward to partnering with the HRC in the future.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Maureen McKane, Second by Ricky Rogers
5. Agenda Items (listed)
 - Consideration of New Commissioner’s (AHRC) – please continue to reach out to potential new members. Michele shared that she has received an application and it will be shared with Commissioner Small.
 - Fairness & Equity for A Better Aurora / Community Outreach Updates
 - Summer Schedule – will be decided on after the agenda items are discussed
6. Complaint Reviews / Other Business
 - Case # 23 HRC 001
 - Case has been dismissed
 - Case # 23 HRC 002
 - Case and response letter sent to the Complainant by HRC was discussed. The parameters surrounding the authority of the HRC was discussed. Commissioner McKane asked if we are able to provide a written response to a case if it is dismissed.
 - Discussion about additional information and options for future conversations with the Complainant were discussed.
 - Motion to contact the Complainant to invite them to provide more information for the complaint in writing, with 2 members of the commission, or with the full commission by Ricky Rodgers. Second by Susan Sosa Bachmeier. Motion amended to include that Respondent’s rebuttal is included with the communication to the Complainant. No objections to the motion or the amended motion.

- If the Complainant decides to appear in person, their appearance will occur in closed session.
- Closed session parameters are needed by the Commission for future reference.
- M Clark will forward specific information and response options to be included in the response to the Complainant, to the City of Aurora Legal Department
- Interviewers will compose questions and send to all Commissioners to review before the August meeting.
- Case # 23 HRC 003
 - Case number assignment to cases was discussed. All complaints received will receive a number.
 - General case details were discussed. Official complaint form was not completed, complaint was submitted via email with supporting videos.
 - Letter sent to Complainant was read aloud by Chairperson Small
 - Michele can now respond via the HRC “do not respond” mailbox. In addition she can respond and suggest complaints be submitted via the complaint form.

7. Announcements-

- Juneteenth Celebration brought over 7,000 people.
- Aug 18th, annual back to school bash. Green Field 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Pride Parade was awesome

8. Adjournment called by Ricky Rogers at 6:24PM. Second by Penelope Torres. No opposition to adjournment.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 10th at 5:30 PM in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.