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City of Lee's Summit, MO
Human Relations Commission

Summary of the October 22, 2018 Meeting

Members Present:

Kimberly Alonzo
Susan Coffman
Roby Little
Tony Meyer
Canise Salinas
Anne Wallace

City Staff:

Nick Edwards
Anita Dickey
Colene Roberts

1. Call to order

Ms. Alonzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of August 27, 2018 and October 3, 2018 meeting summaries

The summaries of the last two meetings were approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Community Conversations: Housing

Ms. Coffman said the outcome of the meeting with the Lee's Summit Housing Authority Board seemed to be that they need help spreading information about their needs and future plans. There was not a clear, stated course of action at the end of the meeting. Part of the message to get out to the community is a basic definition of affordable housing. Commissioners discussed whether or not HRC has the platform or reach to help get their message out. Ms. Coffman stated that the difficulty in hosting a community conversation is getting people to come. LSHA has been meeting with community groups and employers but they have not attempted a large public event. Ms. Alonzo suggested piggy-backing on an existing community event or using the City's cable channel to get the message out. There is a community-wide strategic planning series coming up.

5. MLK 2019 Planning

Mr. Beasley was not present for a report. The event will be on Jan. 21.

6. Community outreach

No action taken.

7. International festival

Ms. Coffman provided notes from the first planning committee meeting. The committee includes representatives from the School District, the Chamber and the Parks and Recreation Department. Glenda Masters, the City's Cultural Arts Manager, is also taking an active role in the planning. They discussed location, costs, duration, admission charge, and vendor booths. They are targeting spring



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of 2020. An outdoor location is preferred. The event will be one day. Commissioners suggested MIC or Unity Village as possible locations.

8. Updating 2013 survey data

Mr. Edwards said that Mr. Beasley had requested a conversation about whether or not a new diversity and inclusion survey is needed. It might be valuable to see if the results change. The 2013 survey was done online. It had low participation. Commissioners discussed keeping the same questions from the 2013 survey and adding a couple of new questions. There could be a new question about affordable housing. Commissioners also discussed distributing the survey better to get more returns.

9. Roundtable

Mr. Meyer stated that he would like more information from LSHA about how HRC can help. Ms. Wallace said the Commission is past due for the election of officers. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Ms. Coffman mentioned the upcoming Mayor's Character Breakfast. People who have made a difference in the community are honored. There will be a speaker on anti-bullying. She is a young girl from California. She will also be speaking in Lee's Summit schools. Commissioners should email Ms. Coffman if they are interested in attending.

Ms. Alonzo said that her school is partnering with LS Cares for an at-risk students program. The book *Lost in School* is being read by school staff.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colene Roberts