



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

## City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the January 9, 2023 Meeting

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**Members Present:**

Vanessa Hickman  
Tony Meyer  
Karen Schuler  
Jennifer Novogoratz  
Christy Engemann  
Anne Wallace  
Astra Garner (arrived at 6:21pm)  
Kerrie Lindberg  
Maria Morgan

**City Staff:**

Fred Lane  
Stacy Lombardo

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**Call to order**

Chairperson Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**3. Approval of the July 25, 2022 meeting summary**

A motion was made by Chairperson Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the July 25, 2022 Action Letter. The motion carried by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Bagunu, Birmingham and Garner "Absent").

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Discuss Martin Luther King Jr. Event**

Chairperson Hickman stated this year the Martin Luther King Jr. event will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Missouri Innovation Campus-Summit Tech. It was decided to join forces with the school district and they already had a sorority from UCM (University of Central Missouri) planning the event. She shared some details of the planned program.

Next Year's event will be on Monday, January 16, 2024 at John Knox Pavilion and Chairperson Hickman said she would like to start planning for it in March this year.

**6. Discuss Community Service Opportunity**

Chairperson Hickman reported the fundraiser for gas cards raised \$421.50. The plan is to purchase \$10 gas cards from Quick Trip for Commissioners and the Ministerial Alliance to pass out to people they catch doing good things. Each person will be given 4 cards to hand out and are encouraged to take a picture and post it using the Take Time to Be Kind hashtag.



## **7. Discuss future agenda items**

Chairperson Venessa Hickman stated she wants to find out what is going on in the community, what is needed, get the committees name out there and let everyone know who they are. Suggestions included t-shirts for committee members, promotions with pictures, surveys, get HOA contact info, apartment building info and e-mail blast notifications to notify residents of what is happening around town. It was also mentioned to start focusing again on provided a plaque, or other acknowledgement for businesses showing kindness, diversity and being mindful.

Chairperson Hickman reminded everyone February 12-19 is Take Time to be Kind week. She would like to go ahead and start planning for next year to include posters, rotating billboards and schools. She asked everyone to bring ideas to the next meeting.

Chairperson Hickman talked with the KC group that puts on their Ethnic Festival and they are excited to perform in Lee's Summit. Questions that need to be answered are what types of entertainment, food, location, date and costs. There is money left in the budget since the MLK event was paid for by the school district this year. The performers are volunteers. Discussions included having the event at Legacy Amphitheater, Longview Community College or the site of the kite festival.

It was requested to add Anne Wallace to the February agenda. She will give a presentation on the wonderful work she is doing with the libraries.

## **8. Roundtable**

The Mayor's Character Breakfast is January 26, 7:00am-9:00am, at John Knox Pavilion. It is put on by Lee's Summit CARES and tickets are \$35. The speaker will be Cam Awesome and 12 residents will be awarded.

LS CARES is looking for participants for their Youth Advisory Board. Participants would need to be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade up to seniors in high school. They can sign up at [www.LSCARES.org](http://www.LSCARES.org)

## **9. Adjournment**

Chairperson Hickman adjourned the January 9, 2023 meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo