



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the November 27, 2023 Meeting

Members Present:

Vanessa Hickman
Debbie Brooks
Fel Bagunu
Anne Wallace
Kerrie Lindberg
Maria Morgan
Astra Garner

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Stacy Lombardo
Dawn Bell
Hector Soto

Call to order

Chairperson Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

3. Approval of October 23, 2023 meeting summary

A motion was made by Kerrie Lindberg, seconded by Anne Wallace, to approve the Action Letter dated October 23, 2023. The motion passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Tony Meyer, Saadia Mahmood, Jennifer Novogoratz and Christy Engemann, "Absent").

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Discuss Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Chairperson Hickman stated the planning team has been meeting every other week. She is still looking for a gospel choir and working on the design for t-shirts, flyers and programs. They are using the school's logo. The speakers list was sent to Mayor Baird and Dr. DeAngelo has been chosen. Pastor Fel has agreed to give the prayer. The event will be added to the city's event calendar this week.

6. Discuss Proposed Cultural Celebration

This event is planned for April 27, 2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

-Site Selection/Layout – assigned to Fel Bagunu

40 Vendors, East side of Main St. by the caboose, Main stage optional, Vendor check in booth

-Funding – assigned to Debbie Brooks

Include shirts for volunteers. Donations can be run through a 501C3.

-Vendors – assigned to Saadia Mahmood

Need business license and responsible for collecting sales tax.

-Logo/Promotions – assigned to Kerrie Lindberg

Other items to be considered: Public Safety needs, Performers, Food Service permits, taxes, how to recruit volunteers, submit budget to Mayor and City Council, Port-A-Potty.



Chairperson Hickman would like to have the vendor packets out in January. She noted the city does not have this event in the budget. There was discussion about advertising on the electric billboard at 3rd & Ward.

City staff will forward a Special Event permit form to the Commission. Permit fee is estimated to be \$300.

7. Discuss becoming an Autism Certified City

A member of the Accrediting Committee will be invited to the January meeting. This is a very time consuming and detailed financial process. It could take up to a year. It would require 80% of employees get 2-3 hours of training.

8. Roundtable

Each Commissioner was called on to provide comments.

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Hickman adjourned the November 27, 2023 meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo