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City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the June 26, 2017 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Kimberly Hollins
Carin Sampson-Harris
Terrence White
Anne Wallace
Miana Wallace
Herman Watson
Coleman Crosby
Curtis Cook

City Staff:

Nick Edwards
Colene Roberts

1. Call to order

Mr. Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. Approval of March 27, 2017 and April 24, 2017 meeting summaries

The meeting summary for April 24, 2017 was approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Social media report

Mr. Watson said that the Facebook page has stayed about same with 601 likes. The Commission discussed how to determine what posts are appropriate and determined that anything in line with the Mission Statement should be fine. Mr. Beasley asked that a call for volunteers for MLK be posted.

5. MLK 2018 Planning

Mr. Beasley said that the committee will begin meeting in July.

6. Outreach team reports

Mr. Cook has sent out emails to set up visits with a few organizations.

7. Public Forum Planning

The Commission discussed how to come up with the questions for the panel at the forum. The outreach teams should gather comments from their list of community organizations to help frame the questions. Mr. Cook suggested asking the organizations what they do and how HRC can help. Mr. Watson asked if businesses should be asked about their hiring practices. Ms. Sampson-Harris said that Grantham University would probably be willing to help support the forum. They frequently partner with Olathe's HRC. The Commission discussed using the Council Chambers for the forum



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so that it could be recorded. Mr. Beasley suggested inviting City Council members to sit for a short recorded interview. They could be given the questions in advance. Some of the questions from the diversity survey could be used.

8. Incorporating Human Relations Commission Bylaws

Mr. Edwards provided copies of the bylaws from two other Boards. Items that are typically included: terms, quorum, attendance policy, etc. Mr. Edwards also brought binders for Commissioners, containing copies of the member contact list, ordinance, and 2012 Strategic Plan. Mr. Beasley suggested that everyone review the bylaws examples and the ordinance creating HRC, and bring their comments and suggestions to the next meeting.

9. Small group meetings

Ms. Sampson-Harris, Mr. Watson, and Mr. White will continue to act as the social media committee. Another committee may be needed to work on promoting the forum. An email blast could go out to the City's business license list and the list of contact information collected as part of the drawing at last year's Downtown Days booth. Kelli Welch's assistance will be needed in putting together promotional materials.

10. Roundtable

Mr. Cook said that he has volunteered at the Kansas City Library and they have a digital inclusion initiative.

Mr. White stated that his neighborhood marathon raised over \$8,000 for a former Lee's Summit band teacher's medical expenses.

Mr. Beasley's church has a teen summit coming up in August.

Ms. Sampson-Harris may not seek reappointment when her term expires next month.

11. Items for the agenda of the next scheduled HRC meeting on July 24, 2017

Items for the next agenda include: student members, Commission vacancy.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colene Roberts