



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the August 28, 2017 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Kimberly Alonzo
Anne Wallace
Curtis Cook

City Staff:

Nick Edwards
Colene Roberts

1. Call to order

Mr. Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. Approval of June 26, 2017 meeting summary and review of July 24, 2017 meeting notes

The meeting summary for June 26, 2017 was approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Commission vacancy

Mr. White has informed Mr. Beasley that due to a work conflict, he is resigning from the Commission. Ms. Harris has also resigned. Ms. Alonzo will contact Julie Pryor to get applications to review. She will share them via email and set up interviews after candidates are selected.

5. Student members

Mr. Cook has five students who are interested in serving. He will tell them to fill out an application as soon as possible.

6. Social media report

None.

7. MLK 2018 Planning

Mr. Beasley said that a couple of new volunteers have joined the committee. The new Lee's Summit R-7 School Superintendent has been chosen as the speaker. Mr. Beasley has been working with Steve Arbo on a project to recognize the unidentified negro slaves who were buried just outside their owner's old family cemetery on Woods Chapel. The plan is to create a documentary to be released in conjunction with the MLK event. The committee is also getting a new member who will coordinate the school district choirs. Committee meetings are now being held twice per month. Kelli Welch will be invited to a meeting to discuss promoting the event. Mr. Beasley asked Mr. Edwards if the banners could be checked; they should still be usable.

8. Outreach team reports



Ms. Alonzo said that the school district's diversity committee website has a link to the City's HRC page. Mr. Cook has contacted his list of organizations. He said that Lee Haven's main concern is transportation. Using their clubhouse for events was suggested. Mr. Cook said that the Lee's Summit Housing Authority has two housing complexes and there is potential to get people involved.

9. Public Forum Planning

Mr. Beasley reported that the Mayor and Councilmembers Mosby, Seif, and Binney recorded videos. Councilmember Forte has also indicated that she will record a video. Mr. Beasley will forward the edited videos received from Nigel Woodberry for Commissioners to review. The videos will be used to promote the forum. Mr. Beasley will contact prospective panelists: Mayor Rhoads, the Police Chief, Dr. Carpenter, and Susan Coffman. The Commission would like to hold the event in the Council Chambers at City Hall so it can be recorded. Mr. Cook suggested having STA students livestream the event on Facebook. Two dates were selected and will be finalized based on panelists' availability: Sept. 25 at 6:30pm or Sept. 30 at 1:00pm. Ms. Wallace will contact Danan Hughes about moderating. The title chosen for the event: HRC presents Community Conversations. The event will be about one and a half hours long. Attendees will be asked to register as they enter. They will be given cards with the three overarching questions (being valued, discussing cultural differences, community engagement) and space to write their own questions for the panelists. The moderator will welcome everyone and introduce HRC. Mr. Edwards will draft a PowerPoint presentation for an HRC member to give an overview or "did you know?" style introduction to diversity in Lee's Summit. The moderator will then ask the panelists to introduce themselves. Questions will be collected from attendees. HRC members will read questions and ask the author to stand. Panelists will be given a couple of minutes to respond. The moderator will conclude with a brief wrap-up. Mr. Cook will ask STA students to put together very brief videos of "man on the street" style responses to the three main questions. These can be used throughout the event. The goals of the event include promoting HRC, providing an opportunity for neighbors to share their thoughts, and educating the community on where to go with concerns. Mr. Beasley will contact panelists immediately so the date can be finalized. Mr. Cook will target Sept. 18 to have the videos ready. The Commission voted to meet Sept. 18 at 6:30pm to finalize event details.

10. Ordinance review and draft bylaws

Mr. Edwards provided draft bylaws for review. There are blank spaces for Articles 5, 6 and 7. These can be deleted if deemed unnecessary. Mr. Beasley asked Commissioners to review the draft for the next meeting.

11. Roundtable

Mr. Cook said that after his volunteer experience with the library and learning of their digital equity initiative, he has started making plans to link STA students with Lee Haven residents. Hopefully, the students could help residents with technology issues.

Ms. Wallace has prepared a plan for on-boarding new Commission members. She will present it at the next meeting.

Mr. Beasley said that the Youth Summit was very successful. Over 60 teens were in attendance. The panelists were very good. He is hoping to hold the event again next year and may seek grant funds for a larger space.

12. Items for the agenda of the next scheduled HRC meeting on September 25, 2017



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The Commission will meet on Sept. 18 to plan the forum. Items for the next agenda include: student members, Commission vacancies, on-boarding, and draft bylaws.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colene Roberts