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City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the December 10, 2018 Meeting

Members Present:

Kimberly Alonzo
Susan Coffman
Roby Little
Canise Salinas
Evonne Medrano
Dale Beasley (by phone)

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Colene Roberts

1. Call to order

Ms. Alonzo called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 22, 2018 meeting summary

The summary of the last meeting was approved.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Public education campaign on affordable housing

Mr. Beasley said that he is expecting some information and will share it via email.

5. MLK 2019 Planning

Mr. Beasley met with the mayor and city staff last week. The mayor suggested creating t-shirts for the event and giving them to the first 300 attendees. Ms. Dickey brought a mock-up of the shirts and a copy of the event poster. Mr. Beasley said that he discussed the event's theme with the mayor to provide some insight for his speech. Mr. Beasley said that he also discussed HRC appointments with Mayor Baird. Staff from Creative Services has suggested shutting down the HRC Facebook page. There have been no posts for quite some time and the page only has 63 followers. The City posts HRC information on their Facebook page. Mr. Beasley will be sending an email to Commissioners in the next couple of weeks with specific MLK event needs. Commissioners will be asked to help distribute fliers. Mr. Beasley is looking for a second young person (high school age) to act as an emcee at the event. Commissioners are asked to email any suggestions.

6. Updating 2013 survey data

Commissioners would like to look at the results from the 2013 survey before taking any action.

7. International festival

Ms. Coffman reported that the planning committee has selected April of 2020 for the International Festival in Lee's Summit. The John Knox Village Pavilion has been selected as the location. Students from MIC are helping with the event. Ms. Coffman is putting together a draft schedule of events. It



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will be a one day event. The city's Cultural Arts Manager is working on inviting performers. The committee has decided to charge approximately \$5 for admission and \$150 for vendor booths. The Kansas City Ethnic Enrichment Commission and World Trade Center – Kansas City will help get the word out about the event. UCM and the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce are also on board, along with the city. The Lee's Summit Arts Council, LS Cares, and the Chamber Foundation will benefit. The next planning committee meeting is in January.

8. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Alonzo announced that she has purchased a home in Olathe and must resign from the Commission. Mr. Beasley thanked her for her service. Mr. Beasley nominated himself for the Chair position. There were no nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioners agreed to postpone the election until more members can be present. Mr. Beasley asked if nominations could be submitted via email so that everyone is prepared to vote at the next meeting.

9. Roundtable

Ms. Medrano said that she has been selected to participate in the League of Visionary Educators, a group of 25 LSR7 educators that meet with the Superintendent. At a recent meeting, one member spoke about her experience at an equity conference. Lee's Summit Elementary is hosting their first multicultural night in February.

Ms. Coffman stated that LS Cares presented some data at the CAC meeting. LS Cares organizes wellness activities at all the Lee's Summit schools. Recently, students painted positive messages on the walls at Pleasant Lea Elementary. LS Cares also has wellness ads running at the theaters. Tickets are still available on the LS Cares website for the upcoming Mayor's Character Breakfast.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colene Roberts