



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the February 24, 2020 Meeting

Members Present:

Vanessa Workcuff
Ben Tonga
Karen Schuler
Tony Meyer
Roby Little
Evonne Medrano

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Colene Roberts

1. Call to order

Ms. Medrano called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval of January 27, 2020 meeting summary

The meeting summary for January 27, 2020 was approved.

3. Public Comments

Commissioners welcomed Grace Allwood, a UCM social work student.

4. Take Time to Be Kind promotion

Ms. Schuler said that it will be easier to get the word out next year. Campbell Middle School had their own t-shirts made. The logo was made available for people to use. St. Luke's East Hospital promoted kindness and they hope to do more next year. Many schools participated but some were unable to reschedule their already planned kindness week. It will be important to get on school calendars early for next year. A video was used to promote kindness in Lee's Summit on social media. Pictures and stories from this year's event can be used for promotion next year.

5. Business recognition program

Mr. Meyer said that he had nothing new to report. Ms. Schuler suggested coming up with the next steps in creating the program. The nominations process is most needed. Some ideas for the name of the award were discussed: Good Neighbor Award and BE Award (be neighborly, be kind, etc.). The award will feature the bee from the logo. Ms. Little suggested recognizing the businesses and organizations that have stepped up to help Shining Light Music after fire destroyed their business. Ms. Medrano will contact the owners, the Haines family. Ms. Little also suggested a drop box at City Hall for people to share good neighbor stories and submit nominations. There could be a matching virtual drop box online. The first award could be given at a community event like Downtown Days. All award recipients for the year could be recognized at the MLK event. Ms. Medrano will talk to Dave Eames about creating the traveling trophy and drop box, using the bee from the logo. Mr. Tonga suggested keeping the nominations very simple—three questions. Ms. Schuler will invite a



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Chamber member to HRC's April meeting. The Chamber has several programs to recognize businesses.

6. City Council presentation

The Take Time to Be Kind project was presented to the City Council. The presentation was very well received. HRC could schedule a presentation on recent accomplishments and future plans. It would be a way to lead up to a request for additional funds in HRC's budget. Commissioners suggested that \$500 may be needed for the business recognition program.

7. Roundtable

Ms. Medrano said that the parents group campaigning for passage of the school bond issue would like to give a brief presentation to HRC at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colene Roberts