



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the September 28, 2020 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Vanessa Workcuff
Karen Schuler
Tony Meyer
Anne Wallace
Jennifer Novogoratz
Christy Engemann

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Stacy Lombardo

1. Call to order

Mr. Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of July 29, 2020 meeting summary

On motion of Committee Member Schuler, and a second from Chairman Beasley, the meeting summary for July 29, 2020 was approved. There was no vote taken.

3. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

4. Update on MLK Celebration – Chair Dale Beasley

Nothing to report.

5. Update on 2021 Be Kind Week – Committee Member Karen Schuler

The date has not yet been set but they are looking at February 17, 2021.

6. Todd George Information – Committee Member Karen Schuler

Ms. Schuler reported the committee's presentation went before City Council last week. She thought the dialog with Councilmembers went well. City Council referred the topic to the Public Works Committee for discussion. Ms. Schuler shared the Public Works Committee's members are Councilmembers DeMoro, Edson, Carlyle and Shields; the alternate is Councilmember Forte. A few members of the Human Resources Committee stated they would attend the Public Works Committee on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. A Public Hearing was mentioned and committee members were asked to keep an eye out for further details to share with contacts and on social media. Ms. Schuler stated most Councilmembers said they have only heard from those that don't think the street name needs to be changed and she would like for them to also hear from the other side. It was noted Fox 4 was at the City Council meeting and interviewed the teenager who started the movement; they ran a story about it that night and the next day.



7. Roundtable

Ms. Shuler reported there will be a food give away and voter registration event at the Chief's Stadium from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm tomorrow, September 29, 2020.

Mr. Meyer shared he is looking forward to meeting in person.

Ms. Engemann stated she is anxious to get started on the committee's work.

Dr. Wallace hoped all is well with everyone.

Ms. Novogoratz shared her impressions of the City Council meeting last week regarding renaming Todd George Parkway.

Ms. Workcuff announced Hillcrest is also holding a voter registration event tomorrow, September 29, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Hillcrest's virtual Gala will be held October 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm and will be a free event.

Ms. Dickey informed the committee Mayor Baird recently extended his Emergency Ordinance through January 31, 2021 so these meetings will most likely continue to be held virtually. She then reminded everyone to get a flu shot.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo