

# City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the October 26, 2020 Meeting

**Members Present:** 

Dale Beasley
Vanessa Workcuff
Karen Schuler
Tony Meyer
Roby Little
Jennifer Novogoratz
Christy Engemann
Evonne Medrano
Bill Birmingham

City Staff:

Anita Dickey Stacy Lombardo

#### I. Call to order

Chairperson Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

## 2. Approval of September 28, 2020 meeting summary

On motion of Commissioner Schuler, and a second from Commissioner Novogoratz, the meeting summary for September 28, 2020 was approved, as amended, to correct the date for the upcoming Public Works Committee meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

#### 3. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

## 4. Update on MLK Celebration - Commissioner Tony Meyer

Commissioner Meyer reported a virtual option is being considered.

## 5. Update on 2021 Be Kind Week - Commissioner Vanessa Workcuff

Commissioner Workcuff stated the date is still tentatively February 17, 2021. They plan to reach out to everyone that participated last year.

#### 6. Todd George Information - Commissioner Karen Schuler

Commissioner Schuler reminded everyone the Public Works Committee will be discussing the name change at their meeting Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and she encouraged everyone to attend. She explained the Public Works Committee will send their recommendation to City Council. She was asked how names are submitted for consideration and Mrs. Anita Dickey, Director of Human Resources, stated she would follow-up with an e-mail to the commission explaining the process. Mrs. Dickey added, most conversations have centered around naming it Lakewood Way or Ranson Road which are extensions of the roads at each end. It was reported the city estimates the name change would cost around \$5,000.00. A comment was made in support of the new name also



having a significant local connection in history. Commissioner Schuler ended by sharing the Lee's Summit Tribute printed a story that she thought summed it up and was well done.

## 7. Roundtable

Commissioner Workcuff announced Hillcrest is adopting their families for Christmas. If anyone is interested in adopting one of their families, please contact her. Hillcrest will be holding a virtual Lee's Summit Thanksgiving and Pastor Beasley will be the Presenter. When asked about Halloween, Commissioner Workcuff replied they are having a pumpkin carving contest this week but will not be having a Trick-or-Treating event.

Commissioner Schuler asked everyone to get their friends and neighbors and go vote.

Mrs. Anita Dickey reminded everyone that due to limited capacity in the City Council Chambers, the Public Works Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting which can also be viewed online. For those wishing to speak virtually, a link can be provided by the City Clerk's office.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo