



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the February 22, 2021 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Vanessa Hickman
Karen Schuler
Tony Meyer
Roby Little
Jennifer Novogoratz
Christy Engemann
Evonne Medrano (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Bill Birmingham

City Staff:

Beate Hager
Stacy Lombardo

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of October 26, 2020 meeting summary

On motion of Commissioner Little, and a second from Commissioner Schuler, the meeting summary for October 26, 2020 was approved. The motion passed by a unanimous 8-0 vote.

3. Public Comments

Written Public Comments were received from Mr. Dale Coy and were distributed to the commission prior to this meeting. Please find them attached to this action letter.

4. Update on MLK Celebration – Chairperson Beasley

Chairperson Beasley reported the event did not happen this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Update on 2021 Be Kind Week – Commissioners Vanessa Hickman and Karen Schuler

Commissioner Schuler stated the city was helpful with merchandise and promoting the event. Masks, buttons and other merchandise were distributed.

6. Todd George Information – Commissioner Karen Schuler

Commissioner Schuler shared that a Public Hearing will be held on this topic after the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.

7. Roundtable

Chairperson Beasley asked commissioners to share their thoughts for future agenda items.

Commissioner Hickman suggested further discussion on Commissioner Meyer's idea for a Kindness Award (plaque) that could be awarded to a business that has gone above and beyond for the



community. It was suggested to have one plaque that would be passed from business to business on a yearly or quarterly basis. There were discussions about setting up a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Schuler volunteered to invite Chamber representatives to the March 23, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Little reported Downtown Lee's Summit has been working hard to encourage people to come out and shop.

Commissioner Hickman thanked those who have helped Hillcrest and the R-7 school district.

Commissioner Medrano thanked everyone involved with Bee Kind Week and shared that she was nominated for the Teacher of the Year award.

Ms. Stacy Lombardo reminded everyone that election of officers will be held at the June meeting. A nominating committee will be appointed in February by the Chair to prepare a slate of candidates for presentation at the May meeting for consideration, and voting will take place at the June meeting. The group's by-laws provide for a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo



From: Dale E. Coy <daleecoy@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:45 PM

To: Clerk <Clerk@cityofls.net>

Subject: Comments for HRC Meeting

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Oops - I meant to correct the date.

Please submit these comments to the Human Relations Commission for the February 22nd meeting.

1. Regarding your previous recommendation to the City Council regarding Todd George. Please consider adding a recommendation for renaming the George Building. That building is at 25 SE Third Street (if you stand at the corner of Third and Douglas streets in downtown Lee's Summit today, you will see a plaque that reads "George Bldg 1909" affixed to the building that now houses The Stanley, an event space.)
2. Please also consider recommending to the City Council the renaming of William B. Howard Station Park. This might require additional research, but I believe that William B. Howard owned slaves - at least before he moved to this area - and believed in segregation.