



LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the March 22, 2021 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Vanessa Hickman
Karen Schuler
Anne Wallace
Jennifer Novogoratz
Evonne Medrano

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Bette Wordelman
Stacy Lombardo

1. Call to order

Chairperson Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of February 22, 2021 meeting summary

On motion of Commissioner Schuler, and a second from Commissioner Medrano, the meeting summary for February 22, 2021 was approved. The motion passed by a unanimous 6-0 vote.

3. Public Comments

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

Commissioner Medrano posted Mr. Coy's public comments in the group chat and was asked to read them aloud. After discussion, there was a consensus of the commission to work on one item at a time so each one can be fully researched before presented to City Council.

4. April 6 Ballot Question Presentation – Bette Wordelman, Director of Finance

The City of Lee's Summit will be asking voters on the April 6 ballot to approve a fund re-allocation to increase the General Operating Fund by \$0.10 and decreasing the Debt Levy Fund by the same amount. There were no questions from commissioners.

5. Business Awards/Recognitions – Commissioners Vanessa Hickman and Karen Schuler

Commissioner Hickman stated there are several questions to be answered first, for example, when to start, what are the criteria, who is the audience and the price of the award. After much discussion, there was a consensus of the group for Commissioner Schuler to contact the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce to ask if the award could be presented at their Gala scheduled on June 12, 2021.

Commissioner Schuler added it is her understanding that Mayor Baird is considering reorganizing the Boards and Commissions and she wondered if the timing is right to launch a big program like this if the commission might not be here to implement it.



6. Todd George Information – Commissioner Karen Schuler

Commissioner Schuler stated there has not been any movement on this topic. Commissioner Hickman added it is important to stay on it and keep it active. Several Commissioners expressed concern about being told there is a process to change the name and they felt it was a way of putting it on the back burner.

7. Roundtable

Commissioner Schuler shared the Lee's Summit Rotary Club will be placing small libraries around town for children.

Commissioner Medrano has received several Teacher of the Year awards recently. Congratulations Evonne!

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo



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

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To: Clerk <Clerk@cityofls.net>

Subject: Comments for HRC Meeting

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Please submit these comments to the Human Relations Commission for the March 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.
3. I recognize that I submitted these same comments a month ago. I would appreciate some discussion regarding my suggestions. Thank you.

Dale E. Coy
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