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City of Lee's Summit, MO
Human Relations Commission

Summary of the July 26, 2021 Meeting

Members Present:

Dale Beasley
Vanessa Workcuff
Karen Schuler
Tony Meyer
Jennifer Novogoratz
Evonne Medrano
Anne Wallace

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Stacy Lombardo

1. Call to order

Chairperson Beasley called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. Approval of April 26, 2021 meeting summary

A motion was made by Commissioner Novogoratz, with a second from Commissioner Workcuff, to approve the meeting summary for April 26, 2021. The motion passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Birmingham, Engemann and Little "Absent").

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. New Officers Election – Commissioners Medrano and Workcuff

A motion was made by Commissioner Schuler, with a second from Commissioner Beasley, to nominate Commissioner Vanessa Workcuff for Chairperson. The motion passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Birmingham, Engemann and Little "Absent").

A motion was made by Commissioner Beasley, with a second from Commissioner Schuler, to nominate Commissioner Tony Meyer for Vice-Chairperson. The motion passed by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Birmingham, Engemann and Little "Absent").

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

Commissioner Schuler stated the Chamber is supportive of the idea. She suggested keeping it tied to the Chamber and Lee's Summit Cares for the Mayor's Character Breakfast to take advantage of their advertising.

6. Todd George Information – Commissioner Karen Schuler

Commissioner Schuler reported she has spoken with Mr. Steve Arbo, City Manager, regarding the renaming of Todd George Parkway. Mr. Arbo stated Mayor Baird has tasked the Diversity and



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Inclusion Commission to come up with a process for those conversations. A meeting has been set with Mayor Baird in the next week or two.

7. Roundtable

Commissioner Medrano resigned from the Commission sighting a new job and family obligations.

Commissioner Beasley also resigned from the Commission. He has been appointed by Mayor Baird to serve on the Commission for Diversity and Inclusion.

Commissioner Meyer thanked everyone for the nomination. He said it is good to see everyone and he hopes they are enjoying their summer.

Commissioner Novogoratz stated she has 21 days of summer left before school starts back up.

Commissioner Medrano thanked everyone for their support the past few years, especially Pastor Beasley for his wisdom and guidance.

Commissioner Workcuff reported Commissioner Birmingham contacted her wanting to give out school supplies. They have teamed up with a church to provide backpacks and school supplies to middle class families that don't fit in other programs but still have a need for help. Donations can be dropped off with Vanessa at Hillcrest or Bill can pick them up. The event is scheduled for August 14, 2021.

Commissioner Schuler thanked Commissioner Workcuff for partnering with her on the three small libraries placed around town.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Beasley adjourned the July 26, 2021 meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo