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City of Lee's Summit, MO Human Relations Commission

Summary of the July 25, 2022 Meeting

Members Present:

Vanessa Hickman
Tony Meyer
Karen Schuler
Dr. Fel Bagunu
Jennifer Novogoratz
Christy Engemann
Anne Wallace
Astra Garner (arrived at 6:41pm)

City Staff:

Anita Dickey
Stacy Lombardo

Call to order

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

3. Approval of the June 27, 2022 meeting summary

A motion was made by Commissioner Schuler, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the June 27, 2022 Action Letter. The motion carried by a unanimous 7-0 vote (Commissioners Birmingham and Garner "Absent").

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Discuss Martin Luther King Jr. Event

It was suggested to wait until August to check with the local schools about having one large choir perform because that is when they will be back in session. The Diversity and Inclusion Specialist from the R-7 school district will be invited to attend the Commission's September meeting to follow-up with the choir request. The Commission also discussed putting out a press release, the last one for the MLK event was in 2019.

6. Discuss Community Service Opportunity

Chairperson Hickman reported the fundraiser at Culver's on Douglas proceeded without volunteers and raised \$421.50.

The Commission discussed handing out approximately 40 gas cards at \$10 each. That would be 20 cards for Commissioners to hand out and 20 cards for the Ministerial Alliance to hand out. The question was asked if there is a need for the recipients to sign something or if the Commission would need to get pictures of the transactions. Events were suggested to distribute the cards including the Martin Luther King Jr. event and Oktoberfest.



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7. Discuss future agenda items

Oktoberfest was further discussed as a start-up for an ethnic festival with a table or a booth, coloring pages, stickers, one page handout about the Commission and different ethnics in the community, a game, and a drawing for gas cards. An idea was presented that to enter the drawing, citizens would be asked to write down what they would do to Be Kind and to take video to promote both "Take Time to Be Kind" and the MLK event. A handout was suggested for a "Save the Date" that would direct people to the City's website and it could include a QR code. The Commission was reminded that vendors pay to be at events and everyone would need to commit to working the booth for at least one hour. Mrs. Anita Dickey, Director of Human Resources, stated Oktoberfest an event held through the Chamber of Commerce and is scheduled for September 24 from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. The lowest sponsor amount is \$250. Anita will check with the Chamber to see what the process is.

Chairperson Hickman stated "Take Time to be Kind" is held Valentine's week every year and this year that will be February 12-18, 2022. She then asked for volunteers to staff a booth at Oktoberfest.

8. Roundtable

Rediscover's Art After Dark will be held August 5, 2022 from 6:00-10:00 at the Grandview Amphitheater. Tickets are \$10 and does not include the food trucks.

LS CARES is looking for participants for their Youth Advisory Board. Participants would need to be in 8th grade up to seniors in high school. They can sign up at www.LSCARES.org

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Hickman adjourned the July 25, 2022 meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stacy Lombardo