



Human Relations Commission

Minutes

January 10, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members present: Kerri Balliet, McKenzie Edmonds, Sharveta Parker, Sarah Spencer, Jesse Dercks, and Gladys Mitchell-Walthour (arrived 6:37 p.m.)

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Ann McKaig, Trustee Wesley Warren, School Board Member Lance Weinhardt, Marian Ninneman, Charlie Desando, Matt Weiss, Ana Belen Duran, Natraj Shanker

Members not present: Students Members Mira Lee Prabhu and Julia Appel, Shavonda Sisson

2. Introductions

Since this was the first Commission meeting with the sub-committee members, everyone introduced themselves to one another.

3. Consider Approval of November 8, 2018 minutes

Ms. Edmonds moved to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. Public Comments

Ms. Balliet announced Vel Phillips Dream Bigger Dreams on February 18. Public Tr. McKaig announced the Public Library is hosting a Reading Race discussion on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

5. Discuss Observations in the Community

Ms. Spencer brought up some recent discussions centered on race and diversity by the Shorewood School District. She identified some items outlined in the School District's recent annual vision report.

6. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart informed the Commission the annual prioritization process will begin shortly. Ms. Parker as the chair will be invited to meet with all the other chairs to collaborate on issues and learn more about the prioritization process for 2019. Mr. Weinhardt announced that next Tuesday the School Board is considering making some policy changes involving curriculum, communication, hiring, and some human relation topics. The School District study results on African American students in the Shorewood Schools is posted online and will be distributed to Commission members after the meeting. Student voting will be added to the February business meeting. Mr. Burkart will also inform the Commission of future Reading Race scheduling dates with the Library so not both those events and the HRC meetings occur at the same time. Mr.

Burkart reminded the Commission about the Attendance Policy. Next meeting will be February 14 and all members are asked to wear red.

7. Break out into Sub-Committee Groups

Mr. Burkart proposed the idea of the sub-committees will meet every other month after a 15-20 minute business meeting. For these meetings, the sub-committees will adjourn after concluding their small groups and provide Mr. Burkart a short summary via email. Mr. Burkart will then include those summaries via email to the Commission and sub-committees as well as include in the next agenda packet. The other months the HRC will have business meetings and sub-committees will then provide a verbal update at the end of the meetings. The Commission expressed support for this plan.

8. Adjournment.

Ms. Edmonds moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager