

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
December 17, 2018

Call to Order- This telephonic meeting of the Ames Human Relations Commission was called to order by Commissioner Joel Hochstein at 1:06 pm in Conference Room 235 of City Hall. Commissioners Wayne Clinton and Liming Pals were present. Staff liaison Brian Phillips was also present.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018 - It was moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming to defer approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting to the next agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of the Humanitarian Award Recipient – Joel noted five applications had been received. Joel noted that the application had a requirement that the recipient must be a resident of Ames. Moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming, to disqualify those two applications whose nominees are not Ames residents. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming, to award Dr. Reginald Stewart the Humanitarian Award for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming, to authorize production of the award. Joel agreed to arrange producing the award and will notify Dr. Stewart. Joel will also send a note to other nominees. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Home for Everyone Award Nomination Materials – Brian noted that the particular dates have been removed so this will not need annual approval. Joel suggested three modifications: 1) changing the due date to the third Wednesday of March, 2) removing the signature requirement, and 3) altering the narrative instruction to request “a detailed narrative as to” why the nominator feels the nominee is deserving of the award.

Joel also proposed adding a question to become the new number six in the list: “Consistently provides housing units to people regardless of source of income.” It was moved by Liming, seconded by Wayne to approve the award nomination form with the changes discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

ISU Brown Bag Session Invitation – Joel noted the dates originally offered have been booked, but if there is a Friday during the spring that works, someone could attend then. Joel indicated he would inform the requester that Wayne would not mind attending a session.

Commissioner Announcements – Joel noted that the Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations had 218 people attend. Another iteration is scheduled for October 29, 2019. The Commission has been asked to again participate. Joel requested to add the topic to the January agenda.

Joel will plan to take minutes during the January Commission meeting.

Adjournment - Wayne moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 1:47 p.m.