

Minutes
AMES HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Conference Call
Thursday, March 26, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Joel Hochstein. Joel opened the meeting with the following statement:

“This meeting is being held electronically because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Governor of Iowa’s Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration which included limits on public gatherings; therefore, it is impractical to hold an in-person meeting.”

Members Present: Wayne Clinton, Madesh Samanu, Liming Pals, and Jill Crosser

Member(s) Absent: NA

Guests: Jahmai Fisher, new AHRC Commission member

Staff Liaison: Deb Schildroth

Approval of Minutes: Wayne moved approval of the February 27, 2020 minutes and Liming seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum: None

A Home for Everyone Award: Three nominations were received. Two of the nominations are for individuals and one represents a specific team within a local human services organization. It was decided to issue two awards. Madesh moved approval of Cassandra Kramer and the ACCESS Housing Team as the awardees. Wayne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Deb will contact the people who made nominations and the two awardees. She will also look into when the awards will be presented by the Mayor and make those arrangements. Joel offered to place the order with Cyclone Awards.

Survey Results: The poor quality of the conference call was such that it made it difficult for Commissioners to discuss the survey results. Therefore, Liming moved that an alternative time be scheduled to do the review when there is better technology available and Wayne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning for the 2020 Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations – No report

Commissioner Announcements: None

Next Meeting: April 23, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment: Wayne moved adjournment at 5:55pm.