

Minutes

AMES HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting held via Zoom
Thursday, June 25, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:37pm by Chair Jill Crosser.

Members Present: Wayne Clinton, Liming Pals, Jahmai Fisher, and Madesh Samanu

Member(s) Absent: None

Guests: None present

Staff Liaison: Deb Schildroth

Approval of Minutes: Wayne moved approval of the May 28, 2020 and June 10, 2020 minutes. Madesh seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Public Forum: None

Approval of the Strategic Plan: Liming moved approval of the plan as amended and Madesh seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The annual report from 2019 and the new strategic plan will be presented to City Council at their August 11th meeting.

Planning 2020 Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations: No report

Iowa Civil Rights Commission Training for Commissioners: Elizabeth Johnson, Executive Director for the Iowa Civil Right Commission (ICRC) is willing to provide an overview of ICRC services and answer questions the AHRC Commission members may have relating to investigating complaints. Deb will check and see if Liz is available to do this at the July meeting.

Yearly Calendar: Chair Crosser reviewed the annual events. Many have been cancelled or offered virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Social Media Messaging Plan/Follow Up to the June 15th Video: Chair Crosser has sent the video to Mayor Haila and is awaiting his response.

Approval of the FY21 AHRC Budget: Deb reviewed the budget with AHRC Commission members. Wayne moved approval and Madesh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Announcements: Chair Crosser noted that the AHRC brochure should be reviewed and updated as needed. She also reminded everyone about the NAACP Town Hall meeting on Zoom following the AHRC meeting this evening.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2020 at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.