

## Minutes

### AMES HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting held via Zoom  
Thursday, April 15, 2021

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Vice Chair Wayne Clinton.

**Members Present:** Wayne Clinton, Jahmai Fisher, Komivi (Moses) Amekedzi

**Member(s) Absent:** Leslie Ginder, Madesh Samanu

**Staff Liaison:** Deb Schildroth

**Guest(s):** Craig Kaufman, Auditorium/Bandshell/Community Center Manager

**Welcome New Commissioners and Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Selection of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair:** As the Commission knew that Chair Jill Crosser would be stepping down from her role, the Commission reached out to an existing member who indicated willingness to assume the roll of Chair.

Moved by Moses, seconded by Clinton to appoint Jahmai Fisher as the Chair of the Ames Human Relations Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Fisher shared that she is honored to serve in role and is excited that her fellow Commissioners do believe that this is something that she can undertake.

Moved by Chair Fisher, seconded by Clinton to sustain Wayne Clinton as Vice-Chair of the Ames Human Relation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Clinton to approve the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Motion caried unanimously.

**Public Forum:** There was no one present for public forum.

**Potential Partnership Opportunity with Music Event through Ames Parks and Recreation Department:** Craig Kaufman gave an overview of the event Parks and Recreation is planning to host in the Spring of 2022 that centers around Colorado based Hip Hop Duo, the ReMINDers. Kaufman is looking for:

- People/Groups/Organizations to promote the event.
- Networking opportunities with community members who could potentially partner with this event.

- Networking opportunities with community members who would potentially sponsor the event.

Clinton started the conversation around Commission involvement by stating that this event is something very interesting to bring to the community, especially for the youth in the community.

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Chair Fisher to partner with the City in the promotion of this event for Spring of 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Time was taken to show a video of the ReMINDers, discuss the logistics of the event, discuss other community partners/sponsors, express concerns, and create an understanding of the intended outcome of the event.

Assistant City Manager Schildroth read through the Commissions strategic plan, and it was noted that this even did fall in line with the strategic plan.

After much discussion, Commission members present at the meeting felt as though this event should be considered all members of the Commission before extending a formal partnership.

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Chair Fisher to amend the previous motion and defer final action on this event until more members of the Commission are present for consideration by placing this action item on the agenda for the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Fair Housing Month Ad in the Story County Sun:** The Housing Coordinator for the City of Ames, Vanessa Latimer-Baker, reached out to Assistant City Manager Schildroth to see if the Commission would be interested in partnering with her to run a Fair Housing ad in the Story County Sun. The cost for a half page ad is \$1,200 or \$2,700 for a full-page ad. Latimer-Baker would like to run a half page ad which would be a \$600 expense to the Commission. This ad would run in the Wednesday, April 21, 2021 issue of the Story County Sun.

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Chair Fisher to approve the Fair Housing Month ad and to expend \$600 towards the cost of the placement of the ad in the Story County Sun. Motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Report Final Review:** The Annual Report will be presented to the City Council in a joint meeting with the Ames Human Relations Commission on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Discussion was had on the final revisions to the report and to the logistics of the joint City Council meeting.

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Chair Fisher to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Postings and Social Media Content:** Discussion was had on the progress of the social media postings discussed at previous meetings. Chair Fisher expressed that with the change of the term on April 1, 2021, May would serve as a good time for the Commission to introduce changes in their membership to the community.

Moved by Chair Fisher, seconded by Clinton to have the new Commission members information be updated on the Ames Human Relations webpage as well as a social media announcement regarding changes in the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Announcements:** Clinton thanked the Commission members who attended the March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Ames History Museum mural unveiling for being there to support the event. Clinton was very impressed with how the event went.

On Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Clinton gave a virtual presentation via the Ames History Museum's Spring lecture series. Commission members and the public are invited to view the recorded presentation. Chair Fisher was able to attend the live presentation and was very proud of Clinton communicating his story.

**Next Meeting:** May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Clinton to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.