

July 13, 2016

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF July 13, 2016

Commissioners Present

Kiran Konam

Rhonda Smith

Suresh Krishna

Janet Lancaster

Staff – Nicole Albertson

Commissioners Absent

Gary Hoover

Odemaris Mancilla-Sibaja

**Public Comment**

No one is in attendance to comment.

**Approval of minutes for June 8, 2016**

All commissioners approved minutes as presented.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Clay has announced that the last meeting was her last meeting. She has relocated to Louisiana.

**Introduction of Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Manager**

Daniel Esquivel was introduced to the commission.

**MLK Luncheon Update**

Date and location are secured. Second Saturday of January.

Spreadsheet of things to do on-line with committees. Will work jointly with Normal on this. Discussion at last meeting of potential speakers. Former Commissioner Clay will provide names of local speakers. Have not received those yet.

Kiran will reach out to MCLP program on potential speakers and other commissioners will also bring suggestions.

Ghandi's grandson was a speaker years ago – was a very good speaker. We could reach out to him to see if available.

CultureFest – annual community event. Tony Jones is an integral part of the event, and the City HRC has been an on-going sponsor. They no longer get the support from other organizations within the community. HRC plans to attend and represent.

### **Future agenda items**

Municipal Equality Index – Commissioner Lancaster will reach out to Dave Shields to get into contact with Nicole and get on the agenda for August 10<sup>th</sup> to come and explain the rating to the commissioners.

Nicole will also reach out to Ben to schedule our next joint meeting with Town of Normal.

Bloomington Township letter for their audit showing no claims filed with the Township.

Suresh volunteered to lead the awards' committee. Everyone will be reviewing the applicants. Can be thinking of people that we could nominate.

We had discussed putting protocols in place on whether or not to allow spouses and/or dependents of commissioners to be award nominees/winners.

Committees will remain the same, same committees.

Next meeting will be August 10, 2016.

Killings in Orlando – threw a vigil together – had 320 participants, walked to Wither's Park, had quite a few speakers.

NIOT – 20 year celebration – Bloomington HRC was not represented.

YWCA forum on spiritual forums along with Prairie Pride Coalition.

NIOT Vigil last Monday evening at First Christian Church for the officers. Really great turnout. Chief Heffner and AC Wheeler were recognized.

As a commission, we really need to make an effort to get out there and attend those events that we can.

We need to get out in the public to increase awareness. Reminders about some of these events would be helpful.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm.