



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
109 E. OLIVE STREET. Bloomington, IL
City Hall – Council Chambers and Conference Room’
WEDNESDAY JULY10, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order Roll Call of Attendance 5:01

Present: Commissioners: Jones, Konam, McGinnis, West, Ajayi, Krishna

Absent: Smith,

II. Public Comment

III. None

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Consideration of approving the minutes of the Human Relations Commission Meeting of Wednesday June 12, 2019

Motion to approve: Commissioner Ajayi

Second: Commissioner McGinnis. All in favor. Motion passed.

V. Agenda Items

- a. Conciliation Conference for Bryan Adams vs. Pilot Flying J complaint

Attorney Greg Moredock addressed the Commissioners regarding his concern of all commissioners attending the conciliation conference. The Commissioners decided to expedite the agenda to allow adequate time for the conciliation conference. Also, the Commissioners received Hannah Eisner, who was proposed as the Conciliator for the Adams v. Pilot Flying J complaint. The Commissioners voted to approve Ms. Eisner as the Conciliator.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Ajay

Second: Commissioner McGinnis. All in favor. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business

- a. Suggestions for speakers for the MLK Event

Commissioner Jones suggested selection is Aaron A. Vessup. Mr. Vessup was the first Community Relations Specialist employed by the City. He is the author of *Black in China* a book based on his experience with the City and as an educator in China.

Commissioner McGinnis agreed that Mr. Vessup should be added to the list of potential speakers due to his unique experience and background.

Commissioner Ajayi requested for staff to provide budget for speaker. Staff informed him there is \$27,000 in the MLK line item in the Human Resources budget. He also asked that a deadline be set to decide on speaker.

Commissioner Jones stated that normally the speaker is chosen and retained at least 6 months in advance.

Commissioner Krishna was concerned about the Commission's ability to pay a speaker if only Bloomington is providing funds to hire the speaker. The Commission agreed not to partner with any entity who provided no funds for the MLK Event.

Commissioner Ajayi suggested to table the issue until all members were present.

VII. New Business
None

VIII. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: August 14, 2019

IX. Adjournment: 5:19

Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner McGinnis.