

Crystal Human Rights Commission

City Hall – Conference Room A

Meeting Minutes

October 27 2014

7:00PM-9:00PM

1. Call Meeting to Order & Greet Guests
 - a. Human Rights Commissioners Present: Chuck Landon Jr, Carolyn Maristany, Crystal Johnson, Janell Felker, Ambreasha Frazier, Sandra Harb, Chanida Potter and Elisa Oliva.
 - b. Human Rights Commissioners Absent: Meredith Torres-Walsh and Anjie Flowers
 - c. Others Present: Council Liaison John Budziszewski and Ward 2 council representative Joe Selton.
2. Check-in
 - a. Everyone shared favorite foods from their childhood
3. Review and approve Agenda
 - a. Ambreasha moved to approve the October Agenda with the addition of the difference between a proclamation and resolution added after committee updates. Chuck seconded; passed unanimously.
4. Approval of September Minutes
 - a. Janell motioned to approve the September meeting minutes with the following changes: correction of spelling and grammatical errors and the addition of Police Chief in front of Stephanie. Sandra seconded; passed unanimously.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Communication committee
 - i. Spoke about potentially changing it's mission
 - b. Education Committee
 - i. Meet Date Scheduled 05Nov2014. Questions for student focus group given.
 - ii. Carolyn moved to return to Cooper H.S. 05Nov2014 to meet with students. Chuck seconded.
 1. For: Carolyn, Chuck, Elisa, Sandra
 2. Against: Ambreasha, Chanida, Janell, Crystal
 3. Tie no action taken
 - iii. Sandra moved for Carolyn to return to Cooper H.S. 05Nov2014 to meet with students with the following stipulations: 1-parental consent obtained from the parents of the participating students and 2-Carolyn takes an Anti-bullying training by the end of the year. Carolyn seconded.
 1. For: Carolyn, Chuck, Elisa, Sandra

2. Against: Janell and Crystal
3. Silent: Ambreasha and Chanida
4. Motion passed pending answers from Caroline Giese regarding parental consent.
- c. Genocide Awareness Committee
 - i. Meeting 27Oct2014. Present 4 New Hope and 4 Commission members
 - ii. Brain storming on possible April date and events
6. Proclamation versus Resolution
 - a. Proclamation- official formal public announcement
 - b. Resolution-formal expression from a group
7. Review & Discussion 2014-2015 Proposed work Plan
 - a. Hand out given (Copy Attached)
 - b. Chuck motioned to approve the proposed work plan with the understanding that things can be added or removed as the year progresses. Carolyn seconded; passed unanimously.
8. Indigenous People Proclamation Review
 - a. Chuck motioned to add “also” after shall in the eighth paragraph. Carolyn seconded; passed unanimously.
 - b. Janell motioned to pass the proclamation as amended. Ambreasha seconded; passed unanimously.
9. Announcements
 - a. November HRC Meeting is 17Nov2014
 - b. The first week of December is the deadline for us to put something in the Quarterly events newsletter for the city for the next publication.
 - c. LMNHRC
 - i. Elections held. Sandra is the treasurer. Video “Human Rights through Time”.
 - d. Human Trafficking Program sponsored by the League of Women Voters
 - i. Location-New Hope City Hall
 - ii. Time-19Nov2014 6:30pm refreshments, 7pm program
 - e. Ward 2 representative Joe Selton asked what we can do to get city notices and documents done in languages other than English. It was suggested that city publications be posted in Spanish and Liberian newspapers, in addition to the English newspaper, since those as the majority minority demographics in Crystal. It was also suggested the city contact leaders of communities that have English as a second language to see how it would be best for them to receive city information.
10. Review Action Items
 - a. Carolyn- Contact Caroline Giese about parental consent
 - b. Sandra and Carolyn- Come up with a submission for the Quarterly events newsletter
 - c. Show the video “Human Rights through Time” at our next meeting (10 minute video)
 - d. Form Black History Month event planning committee at November meeting
11. Adjournment
 - a. Carolyn motioned to adjourn. Chuck seconded; passed unanimously.