

May 11, 2023, Human Rights Commission - Minutes

1. Call to Order – 5:02p
2. Roll Call
 - a. Commissioner Aly - Absent
 - b. Commissioner Berkenes - Present
 - c. Commissioner Cole-Duvall - Present
 - d. Commissioner Crosser – Present (ZOOM)
 - e. Commissioner Morgan - Present
 - f. Commissioner Zanders - Present
 - g. Commissioner Trejo – Present
3. Approval of April 2023 Meeting minutes – Tiffany moved; Zanders seconded
4. Opportunity for Public to Address the Commission (5 min per Community member)
5. Budget Update – \$11,949.99 total
6. New Business
 - a. One Iowa Funding Request
 - Not present.
 - b. Iowa Asian Alliance Funding Request
 - Dan Hurdings & Liat Kinard on the Iowa Asian Alliance Board of Directors. Celebrating 20th Anniversary. 2022 HRC sponsored \$1,500 Friends Sponsorship. Requesting Ambassador Sponsorship of \$2,500 for 2023. Event May 26 & 27 from 11am to 10p at Western Gateway Park, Downtown Des Moines.
 - Applications are selected through a process. The \$2,500 will subsidize other vendors/villages (centered around 15+ Asian communities).
 - Milton motioned to hear all proposals before moving forward, Tiffany seconded.
 - Robert motion to fund \$2,500 to the Iowa Asian Alliance event on May 26 & 27. Milton seconded.
 - c. Cinco de Mayo
 - Vince Valdez presented.
 - **Requests:**
 - \$123.99 for cost of materials.
 - \$449.08 for printing and mounting of pictures by Sinclair Graphics.
 - Purpose to honor the heritage of Mexican residents.
 - Total funding request: \$123.99 + \$449.08 = **\$573.07**
 - The photography pieces and panels will be used and continue to grow throughout the years.
 - Milton motioned to approve \$573.07 pending the submission of receipts and/or invoices for the Cinco de Mayo request. Motion withdrawn without objection.
 - d. Juneteenth 2023 Funding Request
 - iowajuneteenth.org – sponsorship packaging
 - General Sponsors \$500-\$2,499
 - Bronze Sponsor \$2,500 – \$4,999
 - Silver Sponsor \$5,000-\$9,999
 - **Request:** \$2000 goes to subsidize the various events. \$3,750.00 for the Drive In

Theatre

- Robert motion to allocate \$2,500 to the Juneteenth Drive-In movie at Valley West, Milton seconded.

e. LGBTQIA+ Student/Family Support Group

- Kari Jacobs, Teacher WDM Community Schools. Mission to support, educate and advocate.
- **Request:** \$420.79 – cost of shelter rental and food for three events.
- Milton motion to allocate \$500.00 for the LGBTQIA+, Tiffany seconded. On record Audrey suggested for Kari to discuss with the school district for funding as well.
- Total for all 4 events \$5,493.82

7. Old Business

- a. Arch Dioceses Letter – The City is not in agreeance with the letter due to the fact of encroaching onto religious liberties. Commission is allowed to send a personal letter not related to the Human Rights Commission.

8. Staff Report – Audrey Community Engagement Institute had begun. There was an update to the Diversity Newsletter, it is now being sent to All City staff.

9. Council Report – No report.

10. Commissioner's and Sub Committee Report

a. Commissioner Berknes & Commissioner Cole-Duvall (Education Sub Committee)

- Milton presented Meet-N-Greet Fundraiser for a refugee family on May 18 at 5:30-7pm

b. Commissioner Morgan & Commissioner Crosser (Engage Sub Committee)

- Crosser – emails for pricing for swag will connect with Hannah

c. Commissioner Aly & Commissioner Zanders (Connect Sub Committee)

- Aly is stepping down from the Commission.

d. Commissioner Trejo (Chair Report)

- Stepping down at end of May. Moving to Ohio. Thanked the Commission

11. Robert motioned to adjourn at 6.35pm, Pierce seconded, all ayes.