# Human Rights Commission Minutes 8.10.2023

1. Call to order at 5:03pm
2. Roll call
   1. Commissioner Berkenes PRESENT
   2. Commissioner Cole-Duvall PRESENT
   3. Commissioner Crosser PRESENT
   4. Commissioner Morgan PRESENT
   5. Commissioner Zanders **ABSENT**
   6. Council Hardman - **ABSENT**
3. Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes
   1. Crosser motioned to approve the July 2023 minutes; Cole-Duvall seconded.
4. Opportunity for public to address the Commission (5min per Community member)
   1. Founder of Taste of the Junction, Rachelle Long (1312 Maple Eddy Davis Center) spoke to the Commission regarding the Multicultural Festival on Friday, Sept 1 and 2. Rachelle is requesting a gold sponsorship of $ Commission donated 1,000 in 2022.
   2. Hola Center Funding Request: Co-Chair Anadelia Morgan spoke to the Commission regarding the Hola Center. A request of table sponsorship in the amount of $1,500 which provides 10 tickets to the Gala. All proceeds go to the Hola Center which helps fund the non-profit Latino Spanish speaking families in the Des Moines metro area. Provides housing assistance and education assistance for families.
5. Presenter: Tim Stiles, Finance Director: Introduced himself and his role with the City of West Des Moines to discuss the “why’s” & reasons of budget/sponsorships. Tim presented the auditor updates along with direction moving forward.
6. Budget Update: Little over 12,000 left in the budget with a few items coming out of the budget next month.
7. New business:
   1. HRC Business Cards
      * Commissioners gave updates. Add the website, pillars, and removal of lines on the back of the cards.
   2. WDM Voter Registration Event
      * Work with Al Womble
   3. MLK Planning Committee
   4. Polk County: Free Community Meal – Sept 14 from 6p to 8p; NW Franklin Comm. Center
      * Flyer was shared with Commissioners to encourage to attend.
8. Old Business
   1. WDM Illumifest Sept 23 Event
      * Community organization section booth here on City Hall campus.
9. Staff Report
   1. Proclamations
      * Latino Heritage Month: submitted on behalf of HRC and will be sent to commissioners to review. Will be presented to City Council on Sept 5.
   2. Funding Request Form
      * Review the form presented. The final form will be placed on the HRC website.
   3. HRC Brochure
      * Andrea updated the commission regarding the brochure.
   4. Ex-Officio Youth Position (flyers)
      * Commission received the email regarding the flyer which was also sent to the WDM Chamber and schools.
10. Council Report
11. Commissioner’s and Sub Committee Report
    1. Commissioner Berkenes & Commissioner Cole-Duvall (Education Sub Committee)
       * Monsoon had a discussion with Tiffany. They will be presenting next month.
    2. Commissioner Morgan & Commissioner Crosser (Engage Sub Committee)
       * Invoice for promo items sent to Audrey. Working with Illumifest and how HRC can participate. Met with Althea from Human Services and how HRC can help.
    3. Vacant & Commissioner Zanders (Connect Sub Committee)
       * Vacant – no report
    4. Chair Report (Chair Berkenes)
       * Carrie Jacobs introduced herself to the Commission. A teacher of West Des Moines for 23 years. Her role is an online learning coordinator for the district. Excited to be part of the commission & participate moving forward.
12. Adjourn at 6:25 pm

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