Thursday, November 9 – Human Rights Commission

1. Roll call 5:03pm
   1. Commissioner Berkenes PRESENT
   2. Commissioner Cole-Duvall PRESENT
   3. Commissioner Crosser PRESENT (ZOOM)
   4. Commissioner Morgan - ABSENT
   5. Commissioner Zanders PRESENT
   6. Commissioner Jacobs PRESENT
   7. Commissioner Kakkanad PRESENT
2. Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes
   1. Crosser motioned to approve the October 2023 minutes; Jacobs seconded.
3. Opportunity for public to address the Commission (5min per Community member)
   1. Co-Founder of CanPlay presented to the Commission. Requesting 2,500.00 for an event “courage on the court” supports a non-profit but the event supports others in our community.
   2. WDMSC Youth Symposium Alexandra Wade and Gianna Pugliese spoke to the Commission regarding the Student Voice Symposium. Sponsorship of 1,500.00 to feed the students that will be attending. A Summit development and fostering the youth and community.
   3. Iowa Safe Schools Damian Thompson Director of external affairs for Iowa Safe Schools – Event on Feb. 23 & 24 “aspire to inspire” conference. $2,500 sponsorship fund (5 registrations, speaker fees, facility fees, catering, etc.) with the sponsorship you receive 5 complimentary registrations, 1 keynote session, 1 double exhibitor booth, featured logo, 2 floor decals with logo, website recognition, listed as presenter sponsor with company logo.
4. Presenter: Finance HF 718 – City of WDM Finance dept. presented the new legislative bill HF 718. Deputy City Manager, Jamie Letzring spoke to the commission regarding the changes this brings to the city as a whole.
5. Budget Update: $9,051 left in the budget.
6. New business: no report
7. Old Business: no report
8. Staff Report: Audrey updated Commission on the MEI index and scored 100%. Featured as one of the national spotlights. Encouraged the commission to refocus on advocacy.
9. Council Report: Renee Hardman updated Commission on the elections. Matt McKinney and Greg Hudson were reelected for another 4 years. 3 proclamations were read and approved at the City Council meeting.
10. Commissioner’s and Sub Committee Report
    1. Commissioner Jacobs & Commissioner Cole-Duvall (Education Sub Committee) – Presentation proposals and civic engagement. The “why” behind what we do.
    2. Commissioner Morgan & Commissioner Crosser (Engage Sub Committee) – no report.
    3. Kakkanad & Commissioner Zanders (Connect Sub Committee) – request: we as a commission will need to help by connecting with the community more.
    4. Commissioner Berkenes (Chair Report) – attended the DM Human Civil Rights symposium.
11. Adjourn at 6:22pm