

MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2017



Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission

12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room
First Floor, City Hall

Commissioners:

Present: John Jones, Bill Wood, Sarah Bouwman, Shirley Halleen, Deborah Deng, Alex Ramirez, Joanne Haase

Absent: Stephen Brennan, James Larson, Jack Mortenson, Henry Scere

Staff: Ryan Sage, Assistant City Attorney

DAC Member Present: none

Guests Present: none

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January 19, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Wood and seconded by Jones. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Disability Awareness Commission Update

Sage provided an update on the DAC activities. ArtAbility will take place on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Museum of Visual Materials beginning at 5:30 pm.

New ADA design standards for sidewalks will be enforced by the City of Sioux Falls.

Civil Rights Update

A. Sage provided updates on three cases of discrimination.

4. New Business

A. Human Relations Office Statistics: Sage provided the March statistics through March 15, 2017.

B. Housing Project: The Human Relations Commission discussed ideas on how to implement outreach to vulnerable communities. Discussion to continue at the next meeting.

C. Employment Project: The Human Relations Commission discussed outreach ideas including inviting other organizational leaders to the Commission meetings to foster relationships.

5. Continuing Business

A. Roles and Responsibilities

a. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Public Comment –

A. Compassionate Sioux Falls

- a. The Living Library will be held on April 2, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the downtown library.
- b. The 1st Anniversary event was held at Augustana University on March 9, 2017. Successful event. J&L Harley-Davidson, Camille's Sidewalk Café, Sioux Falls Fire Rescue, and Sioux Empire Federal Credit Union were recognized.

7. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ryan Sage.