

<b>MINUTES</b>	Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.	 CITY OF SIOUX FALLS
Human Relations Commission Meeting	Commission Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor – City Hall 224 W Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota	

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anny Libengood, Megan Myers, Sarah Bouwman, Bill Wood, Megan Grode Wolters, Melinda Obach

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Gourley, Justine Schoolmeester, Alex Ramirez, Kassidi Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel Hagggar, Beth Jost

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bouwman and seconded by Libengood to approve the minutes from the May 2020 meeting with a correction. Minutes should be corrected to say Kelli is with the Sioux Empire Housing Partnership. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS OR PENDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Potential Education Material Distribution and Partnerships- Denise Hanzlik and Kelli Zimmer Guests:** Kelli Zimmer spoke about the Sioux Empire Housing Partnership. Denise Hanzlik spoke about the South Dakota Multi-Housing Association and their mission to educate property owners and managers. Libengood wanted to discuss what kind of education or training they could provide for landlords that have received complaints. Denise discussed the possibility of recording property management 101 for property owners to watch at their leisure, and the estimated cost is approximately \$50 per person. Kelli provides tenant education, and they do not charge a fee to their clients for the education they provide. If the HRC office is taking calls where education may be needed, they could be referred to Kelli for those classes. Requiring training or education for landlords would require a statute or ordinance change. Kelli and Denise said they could provide some education materials to be shared with people who contact the HRC office.

**Potential Lunch and Learn with Sioux Falls PD:** The commission discussed hosting a lunch & learn with the Sioux Falls Police Department. The conversation could potentially be open to the public and could be presented by Zoom or Facebook live. It was suggested that it could be a

special meeting, or it could be a conversation, which would make recording/streaming easier and it would be considered community outreach rather than an official meeting. Bouwman wondered if we could have a series and interview a few people at a time instead of just doing it one time. The commission will work to identify people who would be interested in participating in the discussion series and topics that should be covered. The commission agrees that we will put this topic on the agenda to discuss further next time.

**Black Lives Matter Action Items:** Graffiti at Falls Park was discussed. It was agreed that there little the commission can do because there has been no respondent identified for a complaint. Myers suggested the commission could condemn it as a committee. Obach said there is another Black Lives Matter gathering on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. There was a discussion about members of the commission handing out educational materials at the event. Obach volunteered to reach out to the group hosting the event to ask permission to hand out those materials. The HRC office will try to get some handouts together and someone planning to attend the event could pick them up. Myers volunteered to help hand them out. Obach will update everyone when she hears back from the group putting on the event.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public was present for public input.

### **NEXT MEETING**

July 9, 2020

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Obach and seconded by Grode Wolters to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Jost  
Human Relations Specialist