

Human Rights Board Meeting

23 May 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Rhonda Uher (HRR Education Outreach Manager)

Attendance:

Jean Stothert (Mayor, City of Omaha)
Rhonda Uher (HRR Education Outreach Manager)
Sophie Belter (HRR Special Projects Coordinator)
Renee Biglow (HRR Intake Administrator)
Brittany Jefferson (HRR Project Compliance Manager)
Erven McSwain, Jr. (HRR Civil Rights Investigator)
Teri Perez (HRR Civil Rights Investigator)
Maria Partida (HRR Program Administrator)
Marty Bilek (Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office)
James Thele (Director of City Planning)
Steve Scarpello (City Council Staff)
Carrie Murphy (Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications, Mayor's Office)
Chief Dan Olson (Fire Chief, City of Omaha)
Jeff Wilke (HR Board Member)
Clarice Jackson (HR Board Chair)
Cyrus Jaffery, (HR Board Member)
Chaplin Royal Carlton (HR Board Co-Chair)
Sister Mary Kay (HR Board Member)
Ms. Aura Whitney-Jackson, (HR Board Member)

Absent:

Spencer K. Danner (HRR Director)
Joyce Dyer (HRR Administrative Clerk)
Sandra Montgomery (HRR Senior Civil Rights Investigator)
Vic Gutman (HR Board Member)
James Hunter (HR Board Member)
Syed Mohiudden (HR Board Member)

Business:

- Mayor's Greeting
 - Review of HRR Department
 - Importance of HRR
 - 64 advisory councils to mayor, city council
 - Importance of communication
 - Overview of structural importance
 - Importance of board's existence
 - Board diversity/Climate
 - Thanks/Duties and Responsibilities

- Mention of Transgender Human/Civil rights as hot topic
- Short Discussion on Transgender Human/Civil Rights
 - Mayor to meet With Governor
 - Policy to be developed
 - Supportive of local case by case scenario, will not support statewide law against
 - NCAA and CWS requires host city to be safe, healthy, free of discrimination for their athletes
 - Stressing importance of peace, safety, privacy, civil dialogue

Mayor Leaves @ 5:45

Board Member Introductions:

- Ms. Aura Whitney-Jackson
 - South Omaha Community
- Clarice Jackson
 - SPED.org advocates in schools
 - Works with children with dyslexia and opening an adult center
 - Mom of LaTisha Fox who was killed by gang violence
 - Passionate about civil rights, the city, education
 - Won't sugar coat beliefs but recognizes others' beliefs
- Jeff Wilke
 - Wife was violently attacked, stripped of human rights by media
 - Works with rape trauma centers and project harmony
 - Has gay daughter whose rights were infringed upon
 - Feels he changes the world with his actions
 - Abusive childhood he is still healing from
 - Has good intentions for the city, happy to help, glad to be here
- Cyrus Jaffery
 - Knows Mayor's son
 - Moved here from Afghanistan
 - Doesn't want people who are different to be treated unfairly
 - Works with coordinating refugee community
- Chaplin Royal Carlton
 - "My city"
 - Inclusivity with love and work
- Sister Mary Kay
 - Nursing background
 - Retired
 - Works with Oneworld clinic/school programs
 - Primarily works in hispanic population
 - Spent eye-opening time abroad
 - Here because she was recommended by friend who works to subvert human trafficking
 - Teaches english to those from latin american countries

- Works with jailed and/or undocumented people

Rhonda

- Brief overview of Department
- Responsibilities of Board
- Officer Nominations
 - Nominees For Chair/Co-Chair
 - Clarice Jackson
 - Royal Carlton
 - Cyrus Jaffery
 - Chair of Board
 - Clarice Jackson
 - Co-Chair
 - Royal Carlton
- Meeting and Training Time Deliberation
 - Doodle Poll for availability