

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2017

Present: Jason Baskin, Jessica Swanson, Andre Goodlett, Lia Culbert, Richard Lemons

Absent: Miguel Garate, Shawn Martin, Adam Pulchinski, Raquel Imbert, Trish Wiechmann (City Liaison)

Citizens visiting: Dan Mueller, Chol Opiew, Kathy Bartemes

Commissioner Baskin called the meeting to order w/quorum at 6:21 pm.

- 1) Adopt/Amend Agenda – J. Baskin moved to adopt, A. Goodlett 2nd. Unanimous pass.
- 2) Approve April Meeting Minutes – J. Swanson moved to adopt, A. Goodlett 2nd. Unanimous pass.
- 3) Treasurer's Report – To-date \$761.21 spent. Spending since last meeting: \$26 for candy at Taste of Nations and \$500 in support of Taste of Nations. \$3,738.80 remaining.
- 4) Citizens Addressing the Commission
 - Dan Mueller & Chol Opiew – Multicultural Austin (Proposal on Initiatives for HRC Support). Passed out a flier for the African Asian Refugee Services Agency, and informed HRC about two main events they are working on:
 - Awards Banquet for Multicultural Youth – organizing with Santino Deng, targeting Saturday, June 10th 10:30am-12:00pm, location TBD – possibly at Riverland. Will give awards/recognition to youth for academics, extracurricular (sports, etc.), and community leadership. Those youth will become examples and models for future students. Funds are needed for plaque, certificates, and scholarships. Commissioner Baskin will check with the City Liaison to make sure we can offer support – either toward a scholarship or other expenses. If we can, we will contribute \$200. R. Lemons moved, J. Baskin 2nd. Unanimous pass.
 - 4th of July Parade – looking for more participation from community members of different backgrounds to carry flags and march with the group.
- 5) Sub-Group Reports
 - Increasing Access – A. Pulchinski has looked into the LGBTQ community locally, and may have report next meeting. R. Lemons spoke with Sarah Karki, who is looking for volunteers – people just “willing to help”; not experts. Provide general assistance to immigrants filling out paperwork, etc. She would like to come present to AHRC. J. Baskin will follow up with her.
 - Gender Roles & Sexual Violence – Still planning for 3 part film series in the fall. Currently working with Laura Sutherland & Jennifer Benson to provide clothing for a trafficking victim in the Austin area. Catherine Lemons will let us meet at Christ Church, and the church will also provide a small gift card to the victim for necessities. AHRC will reimburse \$75 for an additional gift card for the same purpose. J. Swanson moved, A. Goodlett 2nd. Unanimous pass.
 - Building a More Inclusive Community - Putting together final report and meeting as a committee on Thursday. Will compile list of recommendations, get AHRC

approval/support, and take report back to city council with executive summary. Can also report out to local organizations and begin assembling coalitions to focus on specific recommendations.

- 6) Round Table – Commissioner Culbert mentioned to the group that Mission 21's Executive Director, Stephanie is stepping down. Anne Wilson will lead community education team. Sisters of Assisi may be pulling back from the issue of sex trafficking as they feel that they have run the course in terms of raising awareness.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm. Next meeting Monday, June 26, 2017.