

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022**

Members Appearing via Zoom: Jenni Braaten, Sarah Hartman, Stephanie Holtorf, Vickie Spyhalski, An Le, Laura Helle, Varinh Van Vugt and Miguel Garate

Members Appearing in Person: Lia Culbert and Jeff Austin; City liaison Tricia Wiechmann.

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 5:35 PM with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Helle motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Holtorf seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Helle seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from January 24, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

3. Budget Report:
Our previously approved motion for \$1,500 is going to Welcoming America tomorrow.
4. Facebook –
 - Should we assign months for people to post things or just make a conscious effort to post things. Commissioner Helle suggest we each take a month and all post. Commissioners Spyhalski March, Helle April, Hartman May, Holtorf June, Vugt July. At the June meeting, we will check back to see how it is working.
5. Equity Conversation:
 - Opening the Equity Discussion – Thursday March 10, 6-7PM ZOOM presented by the Rochester Diversity Council PLEASE RSVP to Holly Wallace at HollyW@ci.austin.mn.us Space is limited, first come first served.
6. Reports:
 - Land Acknowledgement Discussion: Commissioner Helle – Saturday March 12 going to see the Treaty Museum in St. Peter. 8:30 AM leave Riverland Parking Lot Bridges Theater. Then travel to Mankato to the Dakota Warrior Statue and return by 5:30 PM.
 - Pride meeting – We are shortening the run, might be changing the date because David isn't available on the original weekend. Roxi only has certain dates that work and we have to look at staffing with road closures. In person meeting with Roxi Thursday night.

7. Other Business:

- Roxi sponsorship – We were asked to donate towards a fundraiser, but we don't want to set a precedent where we sponsor people instead of events.

8. Round table:

- Taste of Nations Update – Commissioner Vugt looking for local cultural ambassadors, cultural performers, and volunteers. The art club is looking at doing an activity. It will be Saturday, May 21st in person in Bandshell Park. Commissioner Garate will contact some of the performers and possible onsite cooks.
- March 21st – In City Hall at 4 PM, they will name one of the rooms in City Hall in honor of Bonnie Rietz during a formal dedication.
- Friday March 11 Autism Friendly Historic Hormel Home 6:30 to 8 PM.
- Monday, March 14 at 5:30 to 7 PM – Monthly History Hour at the Hormel Home. They will present the history of KKK in Austin and Austin as a Sundown town.

Commissioner Holtorf moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garate seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary