

**Austin Human Rights Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2022**

**Members Present:** Jenni Braaten, Sarah Hartman, Stephanie Holtorf, Vickie Spyhalski, An Le, Laura Helle, Trish Wiechmann and Jeff Austin.

**Members Absent:** Lia Culbert, Varinh Van Vugt, Miguel Garate.

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 5:38 pm with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Le seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Le motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Braaten seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from March 28, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.  
Unfinished Business:
3. Budget Report:
  - \$1,500 for Taste of Nations and \$1,500 for Welcoming America. \$3,500 left for the year, which includes the \$1,000 earmarked for Pride.
4. Reports:
  - Taste of Nations – May 21, 11 to 3 PM. Commissioners Spyhalski, Braaten, Hartman, Le should be able to take shifts for the HRC table at the event.
  - Pride update: Parks and Rec approved the stage use for Pride
  - Land Acknowledgement sub-committee update:
    - Lunchbox History Event Native Plants – Dakota family located near Austin Quarry Project.
5. Other Business:
  - Whiteness in Plain View: The History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota.
    - Partner with Library and Historical Society for author visit
  - Discussed Honorary Councilmember suggestions
6. Citizens Addressing the Commission:  
None

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

With no further business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary