

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2022

Members Appearing in Person: Jenni Braaten, Sarah Hartman, Stephanie Holtorf, Vickie Spyhalski, An Le, Laura Helle, Miguel Garate, Varinh Van Vugt, Trish Wiechmann and Jeff Austin.

Members Absent: Lia Culbert

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 5:31 PM with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Helle motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Garate 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 Vugt seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from July 25, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget Report:
 - Expenses: \$2,406.19 left in the budget to spend before end of the year
 - Future Expenses Discussed:
 - Whiteness in Plain View author event, approved not yet spent \$300
 - Black Love (Andrea Jenkins) approved not yet spent \$500
 - Billboard, 8 days \$200 dollars. Holtorf motions Garate seconds all approved 10/8 – 10/15 for National Coming Out Day
 - Not yet approved or spent:
 - \$300 – \$500 Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos)
 - Discussed renting a billboard for Day of the Dead and other special occasions in the future
4. Welcoming Week:
 - Billboard for 8 days \$200 dollars Helle motions Garate seconds approved 9/11 through 9/17 for Welcoming Week
 - \$600 Commissioner Helle motioned to sponsor Welcoming Week Inviting Table. Commissioner Garate seconded. All in favor – motioned passed.
 - Discussed which events Human Rights Commissioners will appear at which events.
5. Reports:
 - Selling Pride t-shirts September 1 @ Farmer's Market – Commissioner Braaten
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - Day of Service September 18th leave Riverland Parking Lot at 9:15 am. 12 spots.

6. Other Business:

- Members of Hispanic community coming forward with concerns about work conditions. Commissioner Garate will work with local union representatives to resolve.
- Addressing voter concerns in Austin at the polling booths – meeting with city clerk to discuss.

7. Citizens Addressing the Commission:

- None

8. Roundtable:

- Austin Artworks Festival August 27-28th.

Commissioner Miguel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hartman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary