

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Lia Culbert, Vickie Spyhalski, and An Le

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 6:32 pm with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Holtorf motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Vugt seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Braaten motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Garate seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from August 22, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget Report:
 - Expenses:
 - Mileage reimbursement for Day of Service transportation to Mankato
 - Covered half of the Cedar River Dunk Tank for Welcoming Week
 - After those expenses, we have \$2,457 to spend before the end of the year.
 - We would like to sponsor a billboard acknowledging and celebrating the different holidays surrounding November and December.
 - Commissioner Helle motioned to approve up to \$600 for 3 weeks in November/December for this Holiday Billboard. Commissioner Vugt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Garate asked the commission to consider sponsoring the Oaxaca Basketball League
 - We do not have enough information at this time and will table for now.
 - The Mower County Reserves worked security at our Pride event, and we would like to pay them for their services.
 - Commissioner Braaten motions to pay \$250 to Mower County Reserves. Commissioner Helle seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Discussed other upcoming expenses or things to keep in mind for next year.
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Event
 - A possible banner for Austin Human Rights Commission
 - Think about supplies needed for future events

4. Discussion/approval:
 - Community Safety on Social Media Community Forums
 - Deano Pape is here from the Rotary to discuss our interest in hosting a community forum to discuss social media and bullying with parents and students.
5. Reports & Updates:
 - Welcoming Week – the dunk tank proceeds were \$137
 - Commissioner Holtorf motions to give the proceeds from the dunk tank of \$137 to Parenting Resource Center Family Assistance, which helps local families in need. Commissioner Garate seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Day of Service – we would like to volunteer for this again next year on Saturday
 - Black Love Oct 15 – was a positive event, but we would have liked more turnout.
6. Other Business:
 - Reappointments:
 - We will have at least one spot available on the Commission so we will start taking applications to be able to appoint by January.
7. Citizens Addressing the Commission:
 - None
8. Commission Roundtable:
 - 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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary