

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

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

Members Absent: Lia Culbert, Jenni Braaten and Jeff Austin

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 6:33 PM with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Holtorf 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 Helle motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Vugt seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from October 24, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget Report:
Expenses:
 - Motioned via email to pledge remaining budget for 2022 (\$226.40) to support Zonta for Orange Lights of Hope Campaign.
 - Received Sponsorship from HProud/Hormel Foods LGBTQ Employee Resource Group sponsorship \$500 for Pride 2023.
4. Discussion:
 - MLK sub-committee
 - Would like to have Susan Hansen from Riverland to discuss the history of the Klu Klux Klan in Austin and Minnesota
 - Reach out to schools to help with programming or an education piece
 - Commissioners Spyhalski, Hartman, and Helle will plan
 - Community Safety on Social Media Community Forums
 - Dan Page from the Rotary contact for resources and a quote
5. Other Business:
 - Reappointments:
 - Commissioner Helle, Culbert, and Braaten will be leaving the commission and we will be looking to replace them in January. Commissioners Vugt and Holtorf terms are up but will they continue serving on the Commission.
 - We discussed strategies for encouraging the city to implement DEI training for employees and possibly city council.
 - Feedback on voting:
 - There were no known issues this November election.

6. Citizens Addressing the Commission:

- None

7. Commission Roundtable:

- Paramount Theater has a bunch of musical performances in December. Austin High School performers on Sunday, December 3rd. Lori Line on Tuesday, December 6th. Roxi Saturday December 10th. Jane Taylor Nutcracker December 17th.

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

With no further business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary