

**Austin Human Rights Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2024**

**Present:** Bryan Davis, Miguel Garate, An Le, Varinh Van Vugt, Bridget Halvorson, Denver Ritz, Vickie Spyhalski, Trish Wiechmann.

**Absent:** Stephanie Holtorf, Arkaysia Hampton, Joyce Poshusta.

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda: Commissioner Ritz motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Van Vugt seconded to adopt and approved the reading of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Ritz motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the February 26, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Van Vugt seconded to adopt and approved the reading of the February 26, 2024 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget Report: Trish Wiechmann reported that \$1,877.99 has been spent to date in 2024. There were no expenses this month. The remaining budget amount is \$4,622.01 for calendar year 2024.
4. HRC Logo Suggested Revisions – Due to time constraints, Commissioner Le made a motion to table the topic. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. HRC Strategic Planning – Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Spyhalski and Trish Wiechmann will look for a meeting date to discuss next steps. Commissioner Ritz is also interested in serving on this strategic planning committee as his schedule allows.
6. Voting Support – each person will come to the next meeting prepared with a few sentences for the voting video.
7. 2024 Focus Events:
  - a. Juneteenth – Commissioner Davis will ask BLAACK (Hormel ERG) to further discuss possibility of a 2024 Juneteenth event. Commissioners Spyhalski and Halvorson are will to help with a Juneteenth event.
  - b. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fest is 6/5 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. There is no charge to have a table. The commission will seek to have a table at the event.
  - c. World Refugee Picnic with Welcome Center is 6/22. HRC is invited to participate.
8. Other Business:
  - a. ITIN event recap – 15 people were scheduled, but 2 people attended due to change in work schedules.
  - b. ComicCon – approximately 100 attended.

Citizens Addressing the Commission: there were no citizens present.

Commission Roundtable: no discussion.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Commissioner Ritz motioned to adjourn the meeting Garate seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.