

MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A regular session of the Human Relations Commission was held at 6:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Members Attending: Block, Holycross, Keller, Major, Severt.

Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Ms. Holycross, Mr. Feltner was excused from this meeting by unanimous roll call vote.

Presiding Officer: Chairperson Sonia Holycross

Others Attending: Mayor
City Staff
Citizens

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 6:19 p.m. by the Chairperson's call to order.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Severt, the January 19, 2023 minutes were approved by the Commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

POTENTIAL 2023 PROJECTS:

- Driver's Education Program – Mr. Major gave a brief overview of the State of Illinois Driver's Education Program and informed the HRC that the Department of Education of the State of Ohio had also developed a draft model curriculum for student interactions with peace officers for grades 9 – 12; the curriculum has not been finalized yet; and the State has not mandated public and private schools to adopt the curriculum. Chief McKinney noted that Section 4508.22 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the director of public safety to adapt the model curriculum on proper interactions with peace officers in collaboration with the state board of education; Troy Police SROs and Troy City Schools are aware of the model curriculum, and including the curriculum in schools is the decision of the Troy City Schools Board and not the City of Troy's. He also explained that teachers ask the SROs to teach health classes, not vice versa. Ms. Holycross discussed the need for courses regarding interaction with peace officers at the Troy High School "stadium program."
- Mayflower Plaque – the Commission decided to table the discussion regarding the plaque until historical facts are gathered to proceed with the conversation with the property owner.
- Walking Map - Mr. Major and Ms. Holycross concurred that convening a committee to discuss the project is needed and asked the Commission members to join the committee if interested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dede Wissman, a citizen of Troy and affiliated with the organization Move to Amend, inquired about the walking map project and "stadium program." Mr. Major and Ms. Holycross clarified that the walking map would denote sites in Troy related to African-American history; the "stadium program" is for at-risk students who need to obtain necessary credits for graduation, and the program is referred to as "stadium program" because of its location.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.