

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

Presiding Officer: Chairman Marvin Major, Sr.

Others Attending: City Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 6:18 p.m. by the Chairman's call to order.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Ms. Phillips, Mr. Keller was elected as a Vice-chairman of the HRC by the Commission unanimously.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: Upon motion of Mr. Block, seconded by Mr. Severt, Mr. Feltner was elected as a Secretary of the HRC by the Commission unanimously.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Severt, seconded by Ms. Holycross, the November 18, 2021 minutes were approved by the Commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

DRAFT REVISED OPERATING GUIDELINES: Mr. Major asked the Commission members if they had reviewed the draft revised Operating Guidelines. Mr. Severt motioned to postpone the discussion regarding the document to the next meeting to give the Commission members more time to review the proposed changes diligently. Mr. Block seconded the motion. Mr. Keller commented that he had reviewed the draft and that the modifications clarified some of the items mentioned in the document. However, he inquired how the proposed updates came about. Mr. Severt noted that the City administration and himself reviewed the draft guidelines. To respond to Mr. Keller's question, Ms. Holycross asked Mr. Titterington to provide information on the revised document. Mr. Titterington stated that based on the discussions held at the past several HRC meetings regarding the need to have better defined Commission duties and guidelines reflecting the Commissions activities, the City Staff had modified the document for the HRC to review.

HISTORICAL MARKERS AND MAP UPDATE: Ms. Holycross reported that at the November 17, 2021 meeting regarding the historical markers was decided to prioritize creating the signage for the 54th and 55th Regiments, Nineveh, and Lucille Wheat first. She noted that the HRC has been working with the Troy Historic Preservation Alliance and several local historians to develop verbiage for the signage. Ms. Holycross added that the City would be approached for approval once the draft designs are finalized. Mr. Severt inquired about creating QR codes for the markers. After completing the historical markers project, Mr. Major explained that maps and QR codes would be discussed.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Severt shared that Michelle Hobart had contacted Melissa Kleptz to inform her about the commitment to donate \$20,000 to the Troy Juneteenth Committee. Mr. Severt added that Ms. Hobart is the daughter of Peter Hobart, grew up in Troy, and has been residing in a different state.

Mr. Keller asked Mr. Titterington and Mayor Oda if the City participates in the National League of Cities (NLC) activities. Mr. Titterington stated that through the Ohio Municipal League (OML), the City is actively engaged in the NLC. Mr. Keller further inquired about diversity training for the City of Troy employees. Mr. Titterington answered that the City employees' last diversity training was in 2021. Mr. Keller added that his son-in-law works for the City of Dayton and has highly spoken about the diversity training the human relations commission of the City of Dayton has recently completed through the NLC. Mr. Keller noted that his understanding was that all municipal employees have to go through the NLC diversity training program. Mr. Titterington stated that the City would look into the training.

Mr. Feltner shared that Black History Month, which is February, was approaching; the Lincoln Community Center had events scheduled throughout the month and would release dates and times of each function by the end of the week.

Mr. Severt added that on February 4, 2022, the Troy Main Street organization was hosting a Black History Walk event.

Ms. Holycross mentioned that Sugarcreek Cares, an organization focused on equity, social justice, and anti-racism, had a gathering scheduled on February 20, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Bellbrook United Methodist Church for racial equity, inclusiveness, and diversity community collaboration. Ms. Holycross noted that registration was required, and she would provide the information about the event to the Commission members if they were interested in attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were provided.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.