

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: Holycross, Keller, Major, Severt.

Presiding Officer: Chairperson Sonia Holycross

Others Attending: City Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 6:15 p.m. by the Chairperson's call to order.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Keller, seconded by Mr. Severt, the May 18, 2023 minutes were approved by the Commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

REVISED OPERATING GUIDELINES: Mr. Major suggested amending the revised guidelines to require four mandatory annual meetings instead of one. Mr. Keller and Mr. Severt commented that adopting the revised language as presented would allow the Commission to schedule additional meetings when needed. Mr. Major concurred with their statement. However, he expressed concern that without pre-scheduled mandatory meetings, Commission members may become disengaged, resulting in increased absenteeism. Mr. Major motioned to amend the revised guidelines to require four mandatory annual meetings. Mr. Severt seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The amended operating guidelines will be presented to the Commission for their approval at the next meeting.

2023 PROJECTS UPDATE: Ms. Holycross and Ms. Hekate, City staff, stated that the Ohio History Connection application had been approved, and it had also been selected to receive the William G. Pomeroy Foundation grant to fund the cost of a standard Ohio Historical Marker. Ms. Hekate noted that starting November 2023, the Ohio History Connection staff will commence the review process of the submitted sources and finalize the marker text, and when the review process is complete, Ms. Holycross and Ms. Hekate will be notified.

The HRC reviewed the Troy, Ohio, African-American Historical Sites brochures, and upon motion of Mr. Keller, seconded by Ms. Holycross, the brochure was approved by the Commission unanimously.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS: No comments were provided

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dede Wissman, 2503 Renwick Way, agreed with Mr. Major that the HRC should hold more meetings. She also stated that she liked the brochure and thanked the Commission and City staff for developing it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.