

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: Feltner, Holycross, Keller, Major, Severt.

Presiding Officer: Chairperson Sonia Holycross

Others Attending: City Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 6:16 p.m. by the Chairperson's call to order.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Feltner, seconded by Mr. Major, the March 16, 2023 minutes were approved by the Commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

2023 PROJECTS UPDATE: Regarding the Ohio Historical Marker application, Ms. Holycross stated that the application had been submitted and the Commission would be notified on the progress. As for the map of the sites related to the local African-American history, the information included in the HRC's May 18, 2023 meeting packet has been obtained from the Troy History Museum and the Troy Local History Library, and the City staff is working on drafting a brochure with the map and information on each site. The Commission also discussed creating a website where this information would be placed, and also creating an audio guide.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Severt noted that the Juneteenth event planning process was in the final stage, the last planning meeting was scheduled for May 23, Juneteenth posters had been delivered to downtown businesses, and the door hangers would be distributed in the neighborhoods around McKaig & Race Park on June 10.

Mr. Feltner shared data of suicide rates in the United States, Ohio and Miami County, and added that it should be discussed what the HRC can do to raise awareness about Mental Health in the community, and if working with the Troy City Schools can be an option to help establish a student group who will help with the positive mental health initiatives. Ms. Holycross mentioned that the Commission is an advisory board and advising Mayor regarding the subject can be discussed.

In response to Mr. Major's request, Chief McKinney explained Troy Police Department's vision and mission statement update process; mentioned how Troy Police Department handles calls related to suicide; how great of a resource Tri-County Mental Health is; that suicide calls are down by 4% in the city limits; and added that Troy High School SRO will be incorporating in the curriculum police interaction class put together by the State Government.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were provided.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.