



HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION

To: Mayor Robin I. Oda and Troy City Council
From: Sonia Holycross, Chairperson, Troy Human Relations Commission
Date: December 11, 2024
Subject: 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the City of Troy Human Relations Commission (HRC), and in compliance with Section 135.05 of the City of Troy Codified Ordinances, I am pleased to forward the following review of the HRC's 2024 activities.

The current HRC appointees are Kane Feltner (Secretary), Sonia Holycross (Chairperson), Jon Keller (Vice-Chairperson), Marvin Major, Sr., Todd Severt, and Ruby Villalobos. Mr. Severt is resigning from the Commission at the end of 2024. Mr. Feltner's term expires on December 31, 2024, and he will not seek reappointment due to other commitments. At the first meeting in January 2025, the Commission will elect a new chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. The Commission scheduled six meetings in 2024, convening on four occasions due to quorum concerns.

The HRC webpage allows community members to contact the Commission via email or fill out a form to report a complaint or issue related to the HRC's Chapter 135.06 list of duties. The HRC received three complaints, which were forwarded to the appropriate governmental body or organization for follow-up.

The HRC has been in contact with the Ohio History Connection Office regarding the historical marker honoring 54th and 55th Regiments African American soldiers buried at the Soldiers Circle at Riverside Cemetery, Section 11. The marker is in production, and the Chairperson will be notified when it is ready to be shipped. The HRC plans to erect the marker in June 2025 and have a celebratory unveiling. The date of the unveiling has yet to be set.

The members of the HRC are proud of the work that has been accomplished during the past four years and remain committed to fulfilling the duties outlined in Chapter 135. I am available for any questions or concerns and would gladly make myself available for a presentation to you and Troy City Council at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sonia N. Holycross

Sonia Holycross
Human Relations Commission, Chairperson

