

**City of Edwardsville
Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

Location: City Hall, Council Chambers, 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Members Present:

- Paul Pitts (Chair), Anya Covington, Violet Evans, Violet Evans, Yolanda Crochrell (Vice Chair), David Boyer, Brian Pezza, Jean McGurk O'Brien (Secretary).
- Quorum present

Others Present:

- Amanda Tucker (City Liaison), Christina "Ash" Jenkins (Edwardsville), Ezra Temko (Edwardsville), Phyllis Spiller (Godfrey).

Called to Order: by Paul Pitts at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Ezra Temko shared appreciation for the City's inclusivity of all genders in the father-daughter/mother-son events, and stated that there is more still to be done so that the title of the events acknowledge dignity and belonging to all invited.

Approval of Minutes:

- Brian Pezza moved to accept the 2.7.2022 minutes as submitted; Violet Evans seconded; the motion passed with none opposed.
- Paul Pitts moved to delay a vote on the 2.28.2022 until members had more time to review them. Anya Covington seconded; the motion passed with none opposed.

Communications:

- Amanda Tucker shared information about the new Statement of Economic Interests which each HRC member will need to file in 2022 (handout attached.)

Administrative:

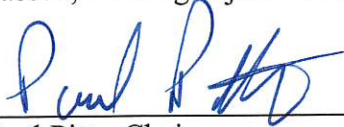
- Committee members began discussing the Race Relations and Equality in Edwardsville (RREE) recommendations (December 2020). Jean McGurk O'Brien shared a little about the origin and processes in developing the recommendations. Paul Pitts shared that Edwardsville is not exempt from the racial issues across our country, even though he believes that our community generally has genuine concern and interest in being inclusive.
- Committee members discussed several aspects of the 10 RREE recommendations, identifying current progress and particular points which have yet to be addressed. Committee members will review the RREE and bring action item recommendations to the next meeting.

- Amanda Tucker shared a draft of the proposed ordinance changes from the 2.28.22 HRC Special Meeting. Committee members are asked to review and respond with questions, suggestions, corrections by 3.21.2022. Amanda will then consolidate and share with committee members by 3.28.2022 so that committee members will have a chance to review prior to the 4.4.2022 meeting. At that meeting the committee plans to finalize and vote on the proposed changes.
- Jean McGurk O'Brien made a motion "At our next meeting to consider the naming of the father-daughter/mother-son events." Brian Pezza seconded; the motion passed with none opposed.
- Brian Pezza asked about inviting someone from the police department to speak with the HRC about the department's efforts as relate to Sec. 58-16, particularly issues such as hiring and policing in neutral ways. The committee decided to wait until after new committee members are onboard for that conversation, likely in June.
- David Boyer questioned the process of changing committee members and committee officers in May.
- Anya Covington shared that tomorrow is the Business Forecast Breakfast.

Next Meeting:

- The next regular scheduled meeting of the Human Relations Committee will be Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Paul Pitts, seconded by Yolanda Crochrell. Motion passed; meeting adjourned by Paul Pitts at 6:10 p.m.



 Paul Pitts, Chair

Minutes Prepared by: Jean McGurk O'Brien, Secretary, 3/13/2022

Approved Signature: 

Approved Date: 4/4/2022
