



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION

TONY SNELL-RODRIGUEZ, CHAIR

NATHAN GUEQUIERRE, VICE-CHAIR

Jacqueline Cook, William Crowley, Jessica Boling, Rae Johnson, Paul Smith, Elle Halo and Alexandria Staubach

Staffing: Omar Barberena

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

3:30 PM

City Hall - Room 303

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1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 3:45pm by Commissioner Chair Tony Snell-Rodriguez

2. Roll Call

Absent 1 - German

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

No quorum can be established and no approval of meeting can take place. It was announced that Erica Sanders is present and she can join conversation when Other Items take place on the floor

4. Human Rights Day

*Initial meeting took place and committee forming
Will take place on Dec. 7th at Turner Hall from 11:30am to 2:00pm*

Collaboration with Exec. Dir. Emilio De Torre will collaborate by contacting community members to form a panelist list

Budget will be created and presented to the Equal Rights Commission Chief for approval. The budget will include the cost of using facility, lunch and technology for audio broadcast and speaker's stipend.

Graphic design flyer Christina Klaus will be invited for collaboration

Awards will be provided to previous active Commissioner members recognizing their contribution

Wauwatosa Human Rights Commission will be invited for collaboration with committee

Theme: Equality: Reducing Inequalities and Advancing Human Rights

Equal Rights Commission will present 109 Chapter by TBA for 20 minutes during event

5. Governance Committee Communication

- 22 applicants have submitted applications, some don't live in the city and others no longer interested*
- 6 has been interviewed and 4 more interviews coming up*
- Good candidates with 7 positions open in total*
- It is expected that at least 4 or 5 candidates will be submitted by next week*
- It is the hope of the Commissioners that by the Sept. Council meeting 4 will be approved and ready to start*

6. Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) Communication

- Waiting for final revision for Chapter 109 in collaboration with City Attorney*
- New Exec. Assistant. Imani Ortiz has started for Chief Bernadette Karanja*
- Complaint Liaison personnel still on with the hiring process*

7. Update on Chapter 109 revision date

- On Sept. 9th a meeting will take place with Tony Snell-Rodriguez, City Attorney and Jacqueline Cook will take place to look over final review and conversation*
- Erica Sanders from Fair Housing Council was grateful to be present to listen and learn during meeting*

8. Human Rights Day update

An error. It has been discussed on item # 4

9. Community Announcements

- Jason Ostrowski City of Milwaukee ADA Coordinator since late January 2024*
- Tent has been ordered and it is expected to be delivered by Friday this week*
- Civility in Our Times panel discussion will take place on Monday Sept 9th from 6:30 to 8:00pm at 1100 S 5t Street*
- Flavors of Africa coming up in Sept. 2024 innovative tasting event to bring community together to experience African cuisine. It is about civil conversation to begin to know each other and LGBTQ folks from Africa will be present*
- Asian Moon Festival Sept. 15th will take place in Brookfield*

10. Adjournment

- *Commissioner Jessica Boling makes a motion for adjournment and seconded by Commissioner Crowley. Adjournment at 4:47pm*

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