

Minutes
Human Relation Committee Meeting
1/09/23

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm.

Present: Brian Pezza, Tabitha Crow, John Harvey, Anya Covington, Karyle Penelton, Violet Evans

Absent: Dave Boyer, Yolanda Cochrell, Shannon O'Brien

Minutes approved: John H. motion, Tabitha C. second.

Communications: Amanda distributed the planned Meeting Calendar for 2023: 1/9/23; 2/6/23; 3/6/23; 4/3/23; 5/1/23; 6/5/23; 7/10/23; 8/7/23; 9/11/23; 10/2/23; 11/6/23; 12/4/23.

3 Member Terms will expire this year: David B., Anya C., Violet E.

Administration:

- The Race Relations Survey goes live on 1/10/23. Members discussed the fact that each has identified affinity groups to share the survey announcement with.
- The City will issue press releases and make posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Next Door announcing the availability of the survey.
- Amanda distributed business card-sized information cards on the Survey for HRC Members to distribute, with a QR code directing persons to the on-line survey.
- There will be email blasts on January 10, January 31, and February 15.

New Business

- Housing Study Update: The City scheduled a Housing Study Advisory Committee meeting with the I-5 Group representatives on January 26th. John H. discussed the process of making comments engaged in by members of the advocacy group he is involved in, the Edwardsville Community Housing Coalition, with overlap with two members of the HRC.
- Before making any recommendations regarding the Housing Study and future funding, Brian P. requested additional information.
- John H. distributed the memo sent to the I-5 Group and copied to City officials in December.
- It was clarified that any recommendations the HRC would make to fund the additional portion of the Study not funded in the current consultant agreement would be to the Mayor, based on input from the Housing Study Advisory Group.
- The HRC would make any recommendation to the Mayor.
- It was noted that any recommendation should include the estimated cost of the unfunded portion of the original scope of the Study.

Meeting adjourned at ??

Minutes submitted by John Harvey

Anya B. Covington 

2-6-23