

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

Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

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

Members Present:

- Anya Covington (Chair), Yolanda Crochrell (Vice Chair), Dave Boyer, Brian Pezza (acting Secretary), Violet Evans
- Quorum

Others Present:

- James Arnold, Economic / Community Development Director
- Amanda Tucker, Director of Human Resources
- Cathy Hensley, Communications Coordinator
- Jessie Allen

Called to Order: by Anya Covington at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- Brian Pezza moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting; Yolanda Crochrell seconded; the motion passed with none opposed

Communications:

- None.

Administrative:

- Housing Study Update
 - City of Edwardsville Community Development Director James Arnold addressed the Committee.
 - Mr. Arnold shared that 6 additional pages had been added to the Needs Assessment document, which now totals approximately 170 pages
 - The cost of a second phase of the Housing Study would be \$48,000
 - Amanda Tucker stated that she would share an audio recording of the January 26, 2023 Housing Study Meeting
- Race Relation & Equality Survey
 - The survey period was extended for an additional week from February 17, 2023 to February 24, 2023.
 - 292 surveys had been completed thus far

New Business:

- Anya Covington shared information that a growing number of District 7 high school students are without homes
 - The District's Cornelia Smith is working to address this increasing problem
 - Additional details on the scope of the issue will be requested from Dr. Smith
- The 10 initiatives distilled from the first Race Relations & Equality Survey were examined, and it was noted that 9 out of 10 had been either accomplished or were ongoing, with progress being made

Public Comment:

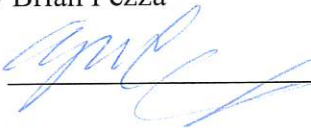
- Jessie Allen commented that he was pleased to return to the HRC meeting after an absence

Adjournment:

- Dave Boyer moved to adjourn; Violet Evans seconded; all voted in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Anya Covington
Chair

Minutes prepared by Brian Pezza

Approval Signature: 

Approval Date: 3-6-23