

CITY OF FAIRMONT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Minutes of:
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2021 – 5:30p.m.**

The duly called and noticed meeting of the City of Fairmont Human Rights Commission was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Tygart Valley United Way offices and via Zoom.

Larry Buckland, Commission Chairperson, called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call of members.

Roll Call of Members

Members Present:

Dani DeVito
Miki DeMary-Andrews
Cyndi Straight
Larry Buckland
Royce Lyden
Tiffany Samuels

Whereupon, a quorum of commissioners was determined to be present for the purposes of conducting the business of said commission as set forth on the Agenda.

Dani DeVito made a motion to excuse Jim Nolan.
Tiffany Samuels seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

In RE: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/26/21: Minutes were sent out for review by the commissioners prior to the meeting. No discussion took place.

Dani DeVito moved that the minutes be approved.
Royce Lyden seconded the motion.
Minutes were approved.

In Re: Report from Committee on Education and Community Forum:

- Larry Buckland informed everyone that the 65 Minutes of Support meeting are starting up again.
 - Monday's will be dealing with cultural competency.
 - These are being facilitated by the Communities of Shalom
- **Building Bridges of Respect Update**
 - Pavilions 2, 3, and 4 at East Marion Park have been reserved for July 24th
 - The events on July 25th will be at Life United Methodist Church
 - All events are free and open to the public.
 - The HRC will have a table at the event on July 24th from 10am-4pm.

- We will want to do shifts at the table since we aren't able to have more than 3 people at a time together.
- Having the table is more about having a presence at the event and showing our support, as well as meeting people.
- The training for City of Fairmont employees has been postponed so that we have the ability to offer the classes to larger groups.
 - No date yet on rescheduling.
 - Currently focusing more on the 65 Minute sessions.
- There will be a planning event at Life UMC on Saturday, June 26th.

In Re: Open Citizen Forum:

- Cathy Reed
 - There will be a COVID memorial service for the community that is sponsored by the Communities of Shalom and the Pastoral Alliance on July 18th at 3:00pm at Windmill Park.
 - Will also be streamed live on Facebook at TV561

In Re: Announcements:

- Royce Lyden
 - None
- Miki DeMary-Andrews
 - None
- Cyndi Straight
 - Looking forward to the Building Bridge event.
 - Is hoping to try to get her son to play for one of the events.
- Tiffany Samuels
 - None
- Dani DeVito
 - Thanked everyone that participated in the United Way's Day of Action earlier in the week.
 - Is excited about the Building Bridges events and the positive actions from the City.
- Larry Buckland
 - Mention that the Disability Action Center was hit very hard with flooding and encouraged people to help them to get through this.

Consideration of Business

Pending Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Financial Report: NONE

Events/Forums: NONE

Adjournment

Dani DeVito made a motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded by Miki DeMary-Andrews and carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this the 28 day of July, 2021.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



Secretary