

City of Fairmont-Human Rights Commission

**Minutes of:
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2022- 5:30 pm**

The duly called and noticed meeting of the City of Fairmont Human Rights commission was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. both in person at Life Methodist Church and via ZOOM.

Larry Buckland, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Members

Members present:

Dusty Merrill
Cyndy Straight
Larry Buckland
Tiffany Samuels
Dan Swiger

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.

Motion to excuse Miki Demary-Andrew and Robert Martin was made by Cyndy Straight and seconded by Tiffany Samuels.

In RE: Approval of Meeting minutes from June 22, 2022: Minutes were sent out for review by the commissioners prior to the meeting. No discussion took place.

Dusty Merrill moved that the minutes be approved.
Cyndy Straight seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved.

In RE: Anti-Discrimination Ordinance – the ordinance, which was authored by Andrew Schneider of Fairness WV, was sent to the commissioners prior to the meeting. Tiffany Samuels made a motion to bring this ordinance before the Fairmont City Council (Council members Blood and Bolyard were present). The motion was seconded by Dan Swiger and passed unanimously.

In RE: Education Committee report:

Representatives from Marion County Housing Authority (Cristal Crouso and Vikki Ashcraft), Scott's Place (Case Manager, Owen), and Friendship Fairmont (Laura Jones) made presentations regarding how they are dealing with homelessness in our county.

In RE: Commissioners' Reports and Announcements:

Cyndy Straight recognized Andrew Schneider for authoring the anti-discrimination ordinance and for being present at the meeting.

Larry Buckland thanked Council members Blood and Bolyard for being at the meeting.

In RE Citizens Announcements:

-Jim Norton on behalf of Jim Nolan and the Communities of Shalom discussed the idea of creating a Community Podcast.

-Discussion was about brainstorming with the HRC about community issues and the possibility of having a town hall meeting to help the HRC decide on issues. There would be no cost as all materials would be paid for by the Communities of Shalom and Prevention Solutions.

-Rence Verbanic spoke about the Communities of Shalom art book called Ins. Through Tough Times. All art media is desired including music (brochure distributed). She said help would also be needed with editing.

-Cathy Reed - ?????

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Approved this the 28th day of September, 2022.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Secretary