

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
June 10, 2019**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:31 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa.

**Roll Call:**

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair	Miquel Jackson
	Nicole Borovic	Jason Keeler
	Adrienne Breitfelder	Kate Parks
	Gerald Hammel	Jay Schiesl, Vice-Chair

Absent: Erin Muenster

Staff: Kelly Larson Carol Spinoso

**Oath of Office**

The Commission Chair administered the Oath of Office to Jason Keeler.

**Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2019**

Motion by Breitfelder, second by Parks to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2019. All in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Schiesl abstained.

**Reports**

**Caseload Report**

The May 2019 caseload report was received and filed.

**Chairperson's Report**

An Expungement Clinic will be held in Dubuque June 29, 2019. This will be the third event held in Dubuque.

Commissioners Allen and Jackson met with members of the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce and will now be working in collaboration with the Chamber's Minority Business Counsel.

Juneteenth is scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Comiskey Park, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The NAACP began the process working on the MOU with Dubuque County.

The State of Iowa/Nebraska Branch of the NAACP met in Dubuque June 8, 2019. Members expressed that they were impressed with Dubuque and the Multicultural Family Center.

**Director's Report**

The Pride Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Murphy Park starting at noon.

**Old Business**

**Appoint an Alternate Human Rights Commission Representatives to the DCPRC**

Commissioner Jackson moved to appoint Commissioner Hammel as an alternate member of the Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Parks seconded. Roll Call:

Anthony Allen	Yes	Miquel Jackson	Yes
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Nicole Borovic	Yes	Jason Keeler	Yes
Adrienne Breitfelder	Yes	Kate Parks	Yes
Gerald Hammel	Yes	Jay Schiesl	Yes

Motion carried.

Update of Bias Incident

The Police sent public requests through social media for information but it did not yield any positive leads. It remains open and is under active investigation.

**New Business**

**Standing Items: Goals**

**Goal #1: Education**

Commissioner Schiesl reported that he attended the DCSD Support Services Committee Meeting. There was discussion about new state regulations related to the use of the 1% sales tax that has been in place since 2002. The State is now taking a portion of those proceeds, and have added restrictions for any new bonds that states that they can no longer make renovations to a building if it is not already attached to an existing building. This could have an effect on any planned construction for athletic facilities.

Commissioner Allen stated that the Equity Committee will not be meeting during the summer. He spoke with Taj, the new Equity Director, about membership and he hoped to take on more of a community focus in helping the schools determine what is equitable.

**Goal #2: Housing**

**Goal #3: Employment – Housing Staff**

Ryan Feller, Hollie Ohnesorge, and Dawn DeMaio from the Housing and Community Development Department presented information on programs offered through their Department that primarily focus on community building and poverty through their Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and Gaining Opportunities (formerly known as Circles).

Child care and transportation are challenging to some in the program, so they work with individuals and partner organizations to help assist with these barriers. Staff encouraged Commissioners to make referrals to their programs.

Commissioner Jackson, and Race Conference Planning Committee members were present to provide an update into the planning of the Conference. He stated the venue for the two-day conference is Loras College, two keynote speakers are confirmed, fifteen break-out sessions related to the topics of education, criminal justice, housing, and the workplace as it relates to race, equity, diversity and inclusion in those categories. They are also working on getting approvals for CEU credits for social workers, teachers, HR, and CLE’s. The website is finished and they will go live once the press release is sent. They had discussion with Chamber staff about possibly collaborating with the Chamber and joining their annual Diversity Summit. Further discussion is needed on this prospect.

Discussion ensued as to when they should hold a press conference to announce the event. Commission consensus was to allow the Race Conference Planning Committee to proceed with issuing the press release. It was suggested that the Planning Committee issue a “Save the Date” release. The Commission and Planning Committee agreed to wait until the July 8, 2019 Commission meeting to review and approve the prepared press release.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Jackson motioned and Commissioner Parks seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 6:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 8, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd.

Minutes approved as submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved as corrected: \_\_\_\_\_