

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
August 27, 2019**

Commissioner Allen called the special meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at the Jule Operations and Training Center.

Roll Call:

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Jason Keeler Adrienne Breitfelder	Gerald Hammel Jay Schiesl, Vice Chair
Absent:	Miquel Jackson Kate Parks	Erin Muenster Nicole Borovic
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

Discuss and Respond to Bias Incident

On August 21, 2019, the Police Department received a call reporting racial graffiti that was spray painted on a bench and sign in the Mines of Spain Recreational Area. This is the second incident in recent months at public parks. It was stated that there are no cameras in this area of the park.

Commissioners felt it was important that they stay consistent with their response by preparing a public op-ed. Commissioners felt that this issue should be discussed during the public forum event during the upcoming Race Conference to initiate more conversations about race.

Commissioner Schiesl moved to proceed with drafting an op-ed piece for the TH at their next meeting, September 9th. Seconded by Keeler. Roll call:

Anthony Allen	Yes	Gerald Hammel	Yes
Jason Keeler	Yes	Jay Schiesl	Yes
Adrienne Breitfelder	Yes		

Motion carried. The Chair asked commissioners to submit their op-ed statements to him prior to the September 9th meeting. Commissioners asked staff to compile the number of discriminatory graffiti incidents in the last 18 months to be discussed at the September 9th meeting.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Schiesl motioned and Commissioner Breitfelder seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____