

ROCK ISLAND
HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

Mission: The mission of the Rock Island Human Rights Commission is to bring about greater public awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists within the community and to ensure that all humans are treated equally, regardless of race gender, religion, age, or disability.

**Rock Island Human Rights Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Meeting was virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic
February 17, 2022; 5:00 pm**

Commission Members Present

Stephen Andich
Thurgood Brooks
Margie Mejia-Carabello
Tamara Felden
Gregg Hampton
Christiana Headley, Secretary
David Levin
Janet Lockhart Johnson, Chair
Jason Lopez, Vice Chair
Sara Meyer
Vince Thomas

Commission Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Jerry Jones, City Liaison

Public Present

None

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions

Meeting called to order by Janet at 5:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes

David motioned to approve January 2022, Margie seconded, Minutes approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Old Business

- 78-2021-TT; Closed in December. Letter sent.
- 79-2021-MV; Closed in December. Letter sent.
- 81-2021-KW: Update: Stephen and Tamara have been in contact with Supply Chain Services and Solutions and will be meeting with them Monday 2/21/22 at 10am to discuss hiring and dismissal procedures with the corporate manager. We will get an update next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – New Business

- New member update:
 - Chris Britton has declined due to lack of availability. (Gregg)
 - Cathy Jordan (Jerry) has a lot of knowledge about rental properties, building policy knowledge. She currently works at Delacerda House which is a home environment for individuals who are HIV positive.
 - Randy McMurray (David) is a retired John Deere employee who is involved in the school system and has availability and interest. He has submitted an application for the position.
- Discussion ensued regarding new members. It was agreed that we are looking for individuals who fill a need on the board and can dedicate time and effort to the mission of the human rights commission. Margie made a motion to recommend Cathy Jordan for our first opening and Randy when we have the next opening. Thurgood seconded the motion.
- Thank you to Jerry for providing a phone tree with contact information of all commission members.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Commissioner Comments

- Jerry will send out an email inquiry to all members as to the role they are interested in the new commission (investigative or judicial).

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Adjourn

Stephen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm

NEXT MEETING: **March 17, 2022**, 630 Martin Luther King Dr. Rock Island, IL 61201 at **5:00 p.m.**

The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third Thursday of each month.