



Human Relations Commission Minutes

June 25, 2024 4:00 PM

WestiNd Inclusion Center
10908 E. Winner Road Independence, Missouri 64052

WELCOME

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2024

Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2024, motion made by Helen Hurley. Seconded by Charlene Traylor. Minutes adopted unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. Municipal Equality Index Update
2. The Neck Marker Dedication Discussion

Neck Marker Dedication. The dedication was at McCoy Park about two years ago. The building of the Truman Library was in the 1950s. Hocker Heights was built in the 1970s. The background for the children of the Neck (i.e. A.Pettigrew) is historic. Bridget McCandless, city councilwoman, is spearheading the dedication to the community.

3. Juneteenth Celebration Discussion

Discussion followed regarding celebration. Virginia reported the event was neat. She appreciated Anthony Mondaine and Brent Schondelmeyer for making things happen. Nina explained Black History and the 400 years of reparation. Why do people do things? There is much meaning in Juneteenth. Next year there may be a parade and even more. It was definitely a family event. Charlene reported folks from BlueSprings, Kansas City, Raytown, Hickman Mills Marching Band. Congress man Cleaver spoke. Charlene is on the Juneteenth committee. Suggestions for our participation – manning table with flyers, etc. Network with Jackson County with more options and suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

(A) DEI Report- Awaiting results. Possible DEI Award annually based on results and personal experiences. Fieldtrip ICON Award (Ennovation Center). Discussion of criteria - interview [Launch in January 2025] (B) Virginia inquired about transportation [Indy Bus Transport stopped]. Discussion followed about transportation- highlight problems - experience - education is important'

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Helen Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08PM. Seconded by Mindy Meadows. Motion passed. Voting is unanimous. Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Virtual Meeting