



Human Relations Commission Minutes

September 16, 2025 4:00 PM

Independence Utilities Center, 17221 E. 23rd Street S. Independence, Missouri 64057

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Helen Hurley called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Members present were Chair Helen Hurley, Vice Chair, Lupe Moe, Secretary Mara Bradford, Charline Gray, Virginia Hudson, Mindy Meadows and Nina Woodson-Falls. City Liaison John Mayfield and Deputy Police Chief Michelle Sumstad were also present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. FROM MARCH 11, 2025, MAY 27, 2025 & JULY 22, 2025

Charline Gray made a motion to approve these minutes as printed. Mindy Meadows seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS

Mara Bradford offered an amendment to change language in Article V-Officers Number 1 to read "The chair shall be chosen by the members of the Human Relations Commission from the membership. They (he/she) shall serve as chair until their (his/her) term as a member has expired. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. The amendment was approved 7-0. Mara Bradford made the motion to adopt the bylaws revisions as amended. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

1. BYLAWS UPDATED REVISION

SKATEBOARD COMPETITION EVENT UPDATE

Nina Woodson-Falls shared a list of needed items with the Committee. Deputy Chief Sumstad will work to get most of the requested gift cards. John Mayfield will provide two Walmart gift cards. Members discussed future partnerships with groups such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Englewood Arts. Mara confirmed Hy-Vee will donate 150 hot dogs, buns, condiments and water. Mara will pick up the items from Hy-Vee the date of the event and deliver them to Hill Park.

Mara made a motion to authorize John Mayfield to spend up to \$100 for chips, power bars and ice, if necessary. Nina Woodson-Falls seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Members discussed the need to begin planning for the 2026 Skateboard competition earlier next year. Members targeted May 2026 as a date to begin planning

BOARD AND COMMISSION TRAINING DISCUSSION

On August 22, 2025, the City Law Department conducted a Boards and Commission training for all members of City Boards and Commissions. Members felt it was worthwhile and expressed appreciation for the training. John Mayfield shared that members who were unable to attend in person need to watch the video and let him know when this is completed. A link will be sent to those members who were unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the Veterans Day Holiday being on the 2nd Tuesday of November Chair Helen Hurley stated she would call the next regular meeting on October 28, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. Charline Gray made a motion to adjourn. Lupe Moe seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.