

Meeting Minutes
Human Rights Commission
Thursday, February 22, 2024

5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library
1250 SW District Dr, Ankeny, Iowa

Aubrey Alvarez
Dustin Gruber

Lindsay Norland
Tim Olson
Laura Parkinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Alvarez, Olson, Parkinson, and Gruber were present at the time of roll call. Norland arrived later during the meeting. Brandt Johnson, staff liaison present.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR February 22, 2024

Parkinson motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Gruber seconded. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM December 14, 2023

Gruber motioned to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting. Alvarez seconded. Ayes: 4, motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2024 Training Meetings

The group discussed potential training meetings for 2024. Alvarez proposed a couple of ideas such as having members of other City Human Rights Commission boards present to the group, hosting a public training session on service animal laws, potentially in partnership with a local organization such as the Puppy Jake Foundation, and a police department-hosted event for landlords.

The group discussed the role of the HRC in regards to what trainings they could offer to the public. Gruber suggested that the group/chair reach out to the Mayor to seek more clarification on what type of trainings/events the HRC could host to which the group agreed would be a good idea. Gruber motioned for the HRC to communicate to the Mayor to seek direction on public information needs regarding human rights. Alvarez seconded. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion – 2024 HRC Work Plan



The group decided to table discussion of the 2024 work plan until they heard back from the Mayor. Alvarez motioned to table discussion on the 2024 HRC Work Plan. Graber seconded. Ayes: 5, motion carried.

7. STAFF REPORT

Johnson reviewed the February 2024 staff memo with the HRC.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Alvarez mentioned that ACN is starting the organization and planning for Juneteenth this year.

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.