

Brooklyn Park 
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Brooklyn Park City Hall, Room A203
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Dr. Chair Aja King – 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Marcellus Davis – 6:02 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:08 p.m.
4. **Approval of February 16, 2023 meeting minutes** – All – 6:09 p.m.
5. Update on the Monday March 13, 2023 HRC City Council 2022 Workplan Report – Dr. King/Dr. Davis-6:10 p.m.
 - Review the Workplan 2023 document.
6. Community Forum on Race – All – 6:30 p.m.
7. Commissioners Orientation – All – 6:45 p.m.
8. Economic Equity – Mark – 7:00 p.m.
9. City Council Liaison Report – Council Member Boyd Morson – 7:30 p.m.
10. City Staff Report – Marcellus – 7:40 p.m.
11. Old Business – 7:50 p.m.
12. New Business – 7:52 p.m.
13. Adjournment – All – 8:00 p.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2023

Location: City Hall – Room A203

Time Began: 6:10 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Meeting Attendance—Commissioners							
Member	District	Present		Member	District	Present	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
Chelsea Youngquist	West		X	Mark Hostetler	West	X	
Andrea Perez-Maikkula	Central		X	Brenda Blackhawk	At-large	X	
Kate Lundquist	East	X		Kevin Xiong	Central		X
Minn Wang	Central	X		Andy Vue	Emerging Leader	X	
Aja King	At-large	X		Vacant	Emerging Leader		
Jen Best	At-large	X					
Marcellus Davis	City Staff Liaison	X		Council Member Boyd Morson	Council Member Liaison		X

1. Call to Order – Chair Dr. King – 6:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis – 6:11 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:12 p.m.
 - Co-Chair Hostetler made a motion to add reviewing of the HRC letter to the agenda.
 - i. Co-Chair Hostetler, Dr. King seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion was approved.
4. Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2023 – All – 6:15 p.m.
 - i. A motion was made to approve the January minutes by Commissioner Wang, and it was seconded by Commissioner Best.
 - ii. Motion approved.
5. HRC Elections – All – 6:17 p.m.
 - Chair – Dr. King was voted to remain as Chair.
 - Position currently held by commissioner Dr. Aja King.
 - Co-Chair currently Hostetler was voted to remain as Chair.
 - Position previously held by commissioner Hostetler.
 - Secretary currently Dr. Davis will remain as secretary.
6. Review the Workplan – All – 6:30 p.m.
 - HRC would like to continue several items that are currently being addressed in the 22 HRC workplan. This includes the following.
 - Continue working with the Brooklyn Park Police Department.
 - We would like to continue developing our HRC branding efforts and communications strategies to connect with the entirety of Brooklyn Park.

- Commissioner Blackhawk said that she would like to be a part of this development.
 - Follow-up with Risikat about our plan and social media guidelines and restrictions.
 - We need to check on purchasing a HRC banner.
 - We would like to continue being responsive to the issues of equity, discrimination, celebrating the cities diversity, and various forms of oppression impacting human rights in Brooklyn Park. Lastly, we would like to add another item to the 23 workplan that addresses economic equity within the city of Brooklyn Park.
 - Month to month financial living impacts 25% of residents, and it is a cost burden to households.
 - We need to create a path to living wage.
 - We would like to continue our youth work for the 23 workplan.
 - We would like to invite Kelvin Currington and Pearl Warren form the Zanewood outreach Team to learn more about some of their work.
7. Reviewing the HRC Letter – All – 7:30 p.m.
- HRC reviewed the letter Commissioner Perez-Maikkula wrote and added the BP mission statement within the document.
 - Chair Dr. King made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Commissioner Wang
 - The letter was approved.
8. Housing Update – All – 7:40 p.m.
- Winter advocacy has slowed down at Huntington Apartments.
 - We will explore other opportunities to support other forms of housing going forward into the 23 workplan.
 - Proud of the work accomplished at Huntington Apartments, and we are not suggesting that more work isn't necessary.
9. City Council Member – City Council Member – Boyd Morson – 7:55 p.m.
- Nothing to report.
10. City Staff Report – Marcellus Davis – 7:56 p.m.
- Ms. Lisa McNair event will be held February 28, 2023
11. Old Business – 8:00p.m.
- Nothing to report.
12. New Business – 8:02 p.m.
- Nothing to report.
13. Adjournment – All – 8:04 p.m.
- Motion was made by Chair Dr. King, second Commissioner Wang.

Submitter: Marcellus Davis