

Brooklyn Park

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Jan 16, 2025

Location: City Hall – Room A205

Time Began: 6:10 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.

Meeting Attendance—Commissioners							
Member	District	Present		Member	District	Present	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
Marcellus Davis	City Staff Liaison	X		Vicki Richardson	At-large	X	
Andrea Perez-Maikkula	Central	X		Bernice Cooper	Central		X
Jen Best	At-large		X	Council Member Amanda Xiong	Council Member Liaison	X	
Brenda Blackhawk	At-large	X		Marvelous Anako	West		X
Mallory Knipe	West	X		Open East			
Nehemiah Garley	Central		X	Open Emerging Leader			
Valen Ademodi	West	X		Open Emerging Leader			

1. Call to Order – Chair Andrea Perez-Maikkula – 6:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis – 6:10 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:24 p.m.
 - a. Motion: Vicki; 2nd: Mallory
 - b. All in favor
 - c. Approved
4. Approval of minutes– All – 6:09 p.m.
 - a. Motion: Brenda; 2nd: Vicki
 - b. All in favor
 - c. Approved
5. LaTreasure Dickson (Violence Interruption Manager) – All – 6:10 p.m.
 - a. Introduced herself and will be coming back to next week’s special meeting with The Advocates for Human Rights group
6. Cindy Devonish (Community Experience and Engagement Manager) – 6:14 pm
 - a. Introduced herself – she is feeling ill so will come back next month for a deeper conversation
7. Devin Montero (City Clerk) – 6:16pm
 - a. Discussed bylaws, roles, and the purpose of commissions – provided a handout of slides
8. Dr. Katrina Doshier (Program Assistant) – 6:30pm
 - a. Discussed her role with policies & procedures as well as liaison/admin role
 - b. Discussed process for re-applying to continue with the commission for those whose terms are nearing the end

- c. Committee discussed the issue of individuals being appointed and then never participating. Inquired about the commission being able to give input on applicants – answer is solid “no,” although we can “recommend” someone to the Council
- 9. Amanda Xiong (City Council Liaison) – 6:49 p.m.
 - a. Introduced herself as our new HRC liaison
- 10. City Council Liaison Report – Council Member Amanda Xiong – 7:15 p.m.
 - a. General updates from last council meeting
 - b. Interested buyer (out of NY) for Huntington Apartments
 - 1. Concerns re: possible displacement of residents
 - 2. HRC has historically been involved in advocacy regarding Huntington Apts
- 11. City Staff Report – Dr. Marcellus Davis – 7:30 p.m.
 - a. Discussed National Day of Racial Healing
 - 1. Taking place on Teams from 1:00-2:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan 21st (for city staff). There will also be an evening Teams event for the public.
 - b. Update on Two Brooklyns
 - c. Dr. Davis is on leadership with Health on the Go program
- 12. Old Business – 7:33 p.m.
 - a. Discussed ice rinks that are potentially being converted to basketball courts
- 13. New Business – 7:43 p.m.
 - a. Special HRC Meeting meeting next Tuesday, Jan 23rd via Zoom with a representative from The Advocates for Human Rights to discuss immigrant rights and how we can effectively assist the immigrant population in our community with knowing and exercising their rights – LaTreasure Dickson (Violence Interruption Manager) will also attend and share at this meeting
- 14. Adjournment – All – 7:53 p.m.
 - a. Motion: Mallory; 2nd: Brenda
 - b. All in favor
 - c. Approved

Submitter: Mallory Knipe