



**Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Committee Meetings
October 6, 2022
Virtual/Electronic Meeting
6:30 pm**

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Housing, Legislative, and Equity in City Government committees were not called to order.

Community Engagement Committee

1. WELCOME

- a. CALL TO ORDER
 - i. HRC Director, Todd Niemeier, called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm
- b. ROLL CALL
 - i. Jeanette Abi-Nader
- c. MISSION (recited by all): *Act as a strong advocate to justice and equal opportunity by providing citywide leadership and guidance in the area of civil rights.*

2. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - i. None
- b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC
 - i. None

3. WORK SESSION

- a. Legislative agenda poll update by OHR Outreach Specialist
 - i. 100 English responses, 1 Spanish response
 1. More detail in October regular meeting's agenda packet that will go out
 - ii. Affordable housing was consistently ranked highest
 1. Closest competitor was mental health
 - iii. Many respondents made use of the write-in question
 - iv. Great response rate even despite technical difficulties
- b. Outreach Specialist describes upcoming events
 - i. There is an additional event on the spreadsheet: Fry Springs Neighborhood Association Oktoberfest tabling on 10/9/22 3-5pm
 1. A resource fair for families in the area
 - ii. Also planning a community workshop for the OHR this year, as well as some kind of school system event like a parent/family night
 - iii. Holiday season may bring more opportunity for events
- c. Commissioner says Community Climate Collaborative is hosting party for the planet on 10/7/22; volunteers to bring tabling materials

- i. **Jeanette will stop by the OHR to pick up materials**
- d. Commissioner says on 10/22/22, Wildrock is hosting a children's event at Washington Park called Festival in the Bog
- e. Outreach Specialist is working on a Human Rights Jeopardy for tabling events
 - i. Will be a Velcro-felt board targeted to most audiences (especially children)
- f. Commissioner suggests providing flyers at Wes Bellamy's turkey giveaway; asks how Outreach Specialist has been flyering so far
 - i. Outreach Specialist had already spent some time flyering around Charlottesville already
- g. Market Days are still occurring; end-of-year Market Day will be 10/22/22
 - i. Could also table these, but the environment would be very casual
- h. Review of previous Community Outreach committee meeting
 - i. Can follow up about potential Downtown Mall tabling and doing another town hall
 - ii. Up to the Commission for the time frame; could still do Downtown Mall tabling in this fall if there is interest
 - 1. Outreach Specialist suggests setting up a hot chocolate table in front of the Regional Library
 - 2. There are a couple flyers there already
- i. Outreach Specialist would like to do a community workshop as a general intro to human rights law
 - i. Asks if there is interest/availability in doing a small community workshop about the HRC
 - ii. Could do these two workshops together
 - iii. Commissioner suggests doing it during a Commission meeting or publishing an informal video
 - iv. There are sometimes requests that come in for the OHR to do talks for student groups; could do a presentation about this if there is an invitation for it
 - 1. HRC Director could assist with this project
 - v. Commissioner says her organizations get invited to speak about food justice at UVA frequently, though the OHR may prefer to reach a wider Charlottesville audience
 - 1. And UVA is non-jurisdictional for the OHR
 - 2. In the presentation, could also include what the OHR can do on a state and federal level in addition to local

4. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - i. None
- b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC
 - i. None

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

- a. None

6. NEXT STEPS

- a. **Jeanette**
 - i. **Pick up tabling materials for 10/7/22 Community Climate Collaborative event**

7. ADJOURN

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm