

City of Keene
New Hampshire

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019

5:00 PM

Eppes Room, Library

Members:

Bill Hay, Chair
Mohammed Saleh
Dottie Morris
Janis Manwaring
Nancy Salwen
Pam Knight
Tammy Parrott
Sofia Cunha-Vasconcelos

Staff:

Andy Bohannon, PRF Director

Others:

- 1) Call Meeting to Order Roll Call
- 2) Approval of August 7, 2019 Minutes
- 3) Approval of the Rules of Procedure
- 4) Finance Report
- 5) Committee Discussion
 - a. International Festival
 - b. Public Forum
 - c. MLK Breakfast
- 6) New Business
 - a. Future Meeting Location – Library
 - b. Screening & Discussion “To Kill a Mockingbird”
- 7) Adjourn - Next meeting October 2, 2019

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 5:00PM Recreation Center, Rm 12

Members Present

William Hay, Chair
Councilor Jan Manwaring
Pamela Knight
Mohammad Selah
Sophia Cunha-Vasconcelos

Staff Present

Demitria Kirby, Youth
Services
Elizabeth Brown

Members Absent

Dottie Morris
Nancy Salwen
Tammy Parrott

1) Call To Order

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 5:13PM. He introduced the new member Sophia Cunha-Vasconcelos who was confirmed by City Council on July 18, 2019.

2) Approval of Minutes

Councilor Manwaring made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting. Second by Mohammad Selah. Pamela Knight added an amendment, on page 4 under New Business, which reads in the discussion about the plaque honoring Jonathan Daniels, "It incorrectly says he died in Alabama" . Add Selma to these minutes. Then add, "It needs to read Hayneville, Alabama."

Mr. Selah added a clarification on page 3, last paragraph, last sentence, regarding communication between members of the committee. The last sentence to read " Because e-mails count as a quorum, he reminded members not to respond to emails regarding discussions of issues related to the committee."

Mr. Selah asked for clarification about Number 7 of the Minutes regarding the HRC taking over responsibility of an event on the Martin Luther King on that holiday.

The Human Right Committee accepted the Minutes with the Amendments unanimously.

3) Approval of the Rules of Procedures

Ms. Knight made a motion to approve the Rules of Procedure for the functioning of the Human Rights Committee with a second by Ms. Cunha-Vasconcelos. Passed unanimously.

4) Finance Report

reported that the budget status on the last page of the meeting packed has not changed since the last meeting. Total \$4, 574.70.

Mr. Selah moved to accept the Finance Report, with a second by Ms. Knight and passed unanimously.

5) Committee Discussion

a. International Festival

Ms. Kirby stated that Mr. Bohannon suggested that the HRC have a booth at the International Festival on September 21, 2019 from 11AM to 2PM. Discussion followed on ideas for the booth without a clear decision about moving forward. Councilor Manwaring will check with the City Clerk's Office about the populations of different nationalities in Keene. Final decision on the content of the booth to be made at September meeting.

Mr. Selah asked if there was a record of hate crimes in the city. He will ask Mr. Bohannon to invite the Chief of Police to the next meeting.

b and c. Public Forum and MLK Breakfast

At first a public forum on the State of Diversity in Keene was considered for October, 2019, but it was thought that there was not enough time to put it together. Consensus was to put the forum with the MLK breakfast or evening event in February 2020. Suggestions included music, a speaker and discussion perhaps in the Michael J Blastos Room or at Keene State College. More discussion next month.

6) New Business

a. Future Meeting Location

The HRC Committee would like to meet in the Booras Room at the Keene Public Library for the September Meeting.

b. Hate Crimes

Ms. Knight wondered if the defacing of the signs for Mitch Greenwald for Mayor was a sign of anti-semitism. In the recent talk by Vice President of Student Affairs at Keene State College he reported that although he has experienced some racial slurs, generally he finds Keene an accepting community,

7) Adjournment

Chair Hay adjourned the meeting at 6:10PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jan Manwaring
August 15, 2019

	7/1/19- 6/30/20	7/1/20- 6/30/21	7/1/21- 6/30/22
Balance 7/1/19	\$ 4,574.70	\$ 4,574.70	\$ 4,574.70
Income			
City of Keene	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net 19-20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balance on hand	\$ 4,574.70	\$ 4,574.70	\$ 4,574.70

