

Human Relations Commission
CMO Conference Room
519 Washington
Minutes
November 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by Werksma at 5:35 pm.

Present: Louann Werksma, Rhonda Kleyn, Sam Woitesheck, Wes McGee and Alyson Brummitt. No Quorum

Absent: Dennis Swartout, Barbara VanHorsen, Reyna Masko, Alexa Redick and Angela Tran

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved, motion by McGee, seconded by Woitesheck, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes October Minutes approved, motion by Woitesheck, seconded by McGee, all in favor.

Welcome Guests: N/A

There was no business under the **general call to the audience**.

Old Business

- a. **Hispanic Heritage Fiesta(HHF)** –Werksma provided an update. Plans for the 2020 event are already being made. The festival will take place on Friday and Saturday with a possible concert on Friday on Waterfront Stadium. \$4,000 to 5,000 is being donated to the Migrant Resource Counsel from proceeds from this year's event.
- b. **Visionary Award**-Werksma reported there is a subcommittee meeting scheduled for December 6, 2019 and those attendees will report at the December HRC meeting.
- c. **Annual Report/Goal Forms**-Commission members present turned in their report forms to Louann.

New Business

- a. Remembrance Project-Werksma provided information regarding a display that will be up at the GH Loutit Library the month of December called the Remembrance Project. This project is described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-immigrant hate group. Werksma contacted John Martin from the Loutit Library and provided his response to the group.
"Louann, The Remembrance Project requested that we give them time and space to exhibit so they could present an alternative exhibition to the Migrant Quilt Project exhibit that was at the library last year. We did not want to give them space BUT our library attorney said we have no choice since we exist to present all sides of an argument in a neutral setting. So, we have their exhibit coming for the month of December. No tax dollars are being spent on this exhibit. We are not sponsoring, simply giving space for

*their exhibit. We're putting up a disclaimer that the library does not approve or condemn
-- as a "limited public Access" site we have no choice!"*

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.; motion by Woitesheck, seconded by McGee, all in favor

Next meeting is Thursday December 19, 2019, 5:30 p.m.