

Urbandale Civil Rights Commission Minutes
Friday, March 8, 2019

The Urbandale Civil Rights Commission met at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Urbandale Administrative Offices, 3600 86th Street. Answering roll call were the following Commission Members: Matt Blake, Beth Freeman, Rebecca Haroldson, Kim Thomas and Jerry Tormey. Absent: None. Also present was Commission staff liaison John Konior, Director of Risk Management and Support Services.

Chair Tormey read the Urbandale Character Counts! statement.

Tormey motioned, second by Freeman, to approve the March 8, 2019 Urbandale Civil Rights Commission agenda as posted. On roll call, Ayes: Tormey, Freeman, Thomas, Blake and Haroldson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Freeman motioned, second by Tormey, to approve the September 11, 2018 Urbandale Civil Rights Commission minutes. On roll call, Ayes: Freeman, Tormey, Blake, Thomas and Haroldson. Nays: None. Motion passes.

Chair Tormey introduced the next agenda item, Old Business. The first item under Old Business was the Civil Rights Commission presentation. Commissioner Freeman gave an overview of the PowerPoint presentation. After discussion, the Commission agreed the presentation would be used for local organization engagements. Staff liaison Konior would post it on the Commission's webpage and work with the City Manager to schedule the Commission at a future City Council Lunch & Learn work session too.

Chair Tormey introduced the next agenda item, New Business. The first item under New Business was the welcoming city resolution. Chair Tormey gave an overview of the intent behind a welcoming city resolution. Commissioner Blake then provided an overview of the Windsor Heights, Iowa and Iowa City, Iowa resolutions. After discussion, Commissioner Blake agreed to draft a welcoming city resolution for the Commission to consider at a future meeting.

The next item under New Business was the election of a Commission chair. Freeman motioned, second by Blake to nominate Tormey for a second term as Commission Chair. Tormey accepted the nomination. On roll call, Ayes: Freeman, Blake, Haroldson and Thomas. Nays: None. Abstain: Tormey.

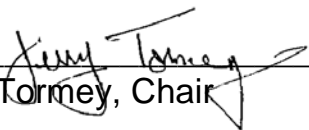
Chair Tormey introduced the next agenda item, Commissioner Items. Commissioner Freeman introduced the League of Iowa Human and Civil Rights Agencies discussion of the Amicus brief it is drafting regarding the Darren Petro vs. Palmer College of Chiropractic Iowa District Court for Scott County ruling. After discussion, Blake motioned, second by Thomas to approve the Urbandale Civil Rights Commission's vote

in favor, at the League meeting schedule for March 14, 2019, to endorse the Amicus brief.

Staff liaison Konior highlighted two training opportunities that the Commissioners could attend locally. The first opportunity is the 2019 Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Symposium on March 20, 2019 at Des Moines University. The second opportunity is the Iowa Civil Rights Symposium & Build It Right Iowa Conference on April 5, 2019 at the Meadows Events & Conference Center.

Staff liaison Konior then gave an overview of the FY2019-2020 budget cycle and provided the Commission with its staff recommended budget. The FY2019-2020 budget would be discussed in public hearing at the March 12, 2019 City Council meeting.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Freeman motioned, second by Thomas to adjourn at 12:58 p.m. On roll call, Ayes: Freeman, Thomas, Tormey, Haroldson, and Blake. Nays: None. Motion passes.



Jerry Tormey, Chair

Attest: 

John Konior, Director of Risk Management
and Support Services