



**Human Relations Commission Regular Minutes  
109 E. OLIVE STREET. Bloomington, IL  
Council Chambers  
WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order – 5:04 pm**

**II. Roll Call of Attendance:** Commissioner Commissioner Kiran Konam, Commissioner Suresh Krishna, Commissioner Anthony Jones, Commissioner Gary McGinnis, Commissioner Rhonda Smith, HR Staff Liaison Michael Hurt.

**a. Absent – None**

**III. Public Comment – No Public Comment**

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Consideration of approving the minutes of the Human Relations Commission Regular Meetings on Wednesday, **September 12**, 2018. Commissioner Jones had an update, page 2, next to last paragraph, HR staff be available to put together the ad book for the event, and volunteered to help if they weren't available. Commissioner Smith – on number 4, under next scheduled meeting day – Commissioner Koran's name is misspelled. Motion to accept the minutes with the updates – Commissioner Jones. Seconded by Commissioner Konam. All voted in favor.

**V. Agenda Items**

**a. Suggestion for MLK Event Speaker**

We did receive Garry Moore, which was Commissioner Jones' suggestion. Did not hear back from CM or Mayor on the other suggestions we thought we may have had. Last year, we had a few names of local speakers but do not recall any of them. Garry has a similar background as our previous speaker from Atlanta. Know that Garry has custom craft his speech to the event. Not sure if he is interested or available. Other suggestions for speakers: Rick Lewis, Dr. Al Bowman, Willie Brown, Don Jackson,

**VI. Old Business**

Add impact statements to HRC activity report for the 2018-2019 calendar year before submitting to the City Council. The handouts will be printed material will be printed by HR. The report will be submitted in January 2019, as a paper presentation. This report could position the Human Relations Commission for possible additional funds for next year.

**VII. New Business**

Accelerated pace for planning the MLK event.

Initial task list

Can use a committee of commissioners of less than 3.

Tickets printed – Event Brite – online payment option

Ticket Outlet – BCPA? HR office. Include Parking options (free parking in Marriott, and the Town of Normal City Hall garage.) Increase ticket price to \$25 – start pushing ticket sales now.

Get on City Manager’s monthly report.

Nominations – only allow Bloomington residents to apply.

New Award – award for an organization that has been recognized as supporting the ideals of MLK. The award is a good idea, but it may generate some difficult questions. The HRC needs to ensure that we have well established selection criteria to effectively respond if our selection is challenged.

Logistics – room setup

Programs – speaker selection, entertainment, ad booklet

Awards – nominations, presentation, award nominees photos

Tony will update the list with who will be handling certain tasks and try to fill in the gap.

**VIII. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** Wednesday- November 14, 2018 at 5pm.

**IX. Adjournment** – 5:59 – Commissioner Jones , Commissioner Konam

**VII. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: November 14, 2018**

**VIII. Adjournment – 6:04pm**