

**MINUTES**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**January 24, 2019**

**Call to Order-** This meeting of the Ames Human Relations Commission was called to order by Commissioner Joel Hochstein at 5:07 pm in Conference Room 235 of City Hall. Commissioners Wayne Clinton and Liming Pals were present.

**Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018:**

Wayne moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Liming seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Inclusive Ames Partnership:**

Members of Inclusive Ames, Barb Wheelock and Cheryl Binzen, asked AHRC to co-sponsor a poverty simulation at the Ames Public Library. Wayne provided information on a simulation that he attended. Inclusive Ames is looking for volunteers who have already gone through the simulation to help work the event. They are looking for AHRC to help advertise the event via City channels. Date is currently tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2019 from 9am-1pm set for Ames Public Library. Wayne moved to join as a co-sponsor and to do our part in promoting the event. Liming seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Annual Report Review:**

Wayne indicated we should highlight more some of the joint partnerships that we have done over the last year at the council meeting when we present the report. Liming and Wayne will send comments via email and Joel will make adjustments and put back on agenda for February.

**Discussion of MLK/Humanitarian Award:**

Dr. Stewart was a good selection by the Commission. His work with community involvement has been noticed and is much appreciated. Program was very well done and well attended, especially noted because of the poor weather that evening.

**Symposium:**

Wayne was impressed with the first event and response was overwhelming and is the beginning of this type of work in the community. Wayne indicated that we should focus on increasing diversity in employment in the community. Liming moved to send an email to City Council and the mayor that AHRC will be supportive of the request from Dan Culhane to assist with funding of the next symposium and that provided no changes are made to the AHRC budget, the AHRC will contribute \$1000 towards the \$5000 requested. Wayne seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

**Announcements:**

Joel provided information on Mayor's movement on commission appointments for the current lengthy vacancies.

**Next Meeting:**

Liming has a conflict with February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commission meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 21 at 5pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.