

**MINUTES**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**March 28, 2019**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Ames Human Relations Commission was called to order by Commissioner Joel Hochstein at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 235 of City Hall. Commissioners Wayne Clinton, Jill Crosser, Liming Pals, and Madesh Samanu were present. Barb Wheelock was present for the League of Women Voters.

**Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019:**

Moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming, to approve the minutes. Vote on motion: 5-0. Motion Approved.

**Introduction of New Commissioners:** Joel welcomed the new commissioners and led a round of introductions.

**Iowa Civil Rights Symposium Attendance and Budget:** Joel outlined the symposium details. Joel will attend the symposium.

**Discussion of City Council's Direction to Commission:** Joel outlined the direction provided by the Council at the most recent joint meeting with the Commission. Joel invited thoughts or information to assist in setting the direction for the commission, and asked that it be pulled together by the middle of the month. Joel reviewed the report from Eugene, Oregon that could be used as a model for how the Commission could move forward with the Council's direction.

**AHRC Retreat:** Wayne discussed the goals of a retreat, which could be held after a few months with the new composition of the Commission. Joel suggested putting this back on the agenda in May for additional planning.

**Selection of Home for Everyone Award Recipient:** Joel noted there were three nominations for two potential recipients. Wayne asked for a review of what this award was intended to accomplish. He asked for the nomination form to be changed to provide explanation for each rating provided on the second page. Jill suggested taking the ratings out entirely and having a narrative explaining why the nominee is deserving of the award.

Brian will make adjustments to the form and bring a draft back for discussion at the next meeting.

It was moved by Wayne, seconded by Liming to award both nominees for the 2019 Home for Everyone Award. Vote on motion 5-0. Motion carried. Joel will order the awards and connect with Vanessa Baker-Latimer regarding Fair Housing Month activities at which the awards could be presented.

**Inclusive Ames Programming:** Barb Wheelock described the activities Inclusive Ames is organizing and noted the information about the Poverty Simulation is on the Ames Public Library's website.

**Annual Report:** Joel explained the Annual Report that had recently been approved. He noted the Commission needed to determine when to go to the Council to present the report. The Commission will plan to attend the Council meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for presentation of the report.

**Planning 2019 Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations:** Joel described the symposium.

**Commissioner Announcements:** There were no announcements.

**Next Meeting:** April 25, 2019 @ 5:30pm

**Adjournment:** Madesh moved adjournment at 6:37 p.m.