

Minutes

AMES HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Conference Room 235
City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue
Monday, December 16, 2109

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Joel Hochstein.

Members present were Wayne Clinton, Liming Pals (via conference call), Madesh Samanu (via conference call), and Jill Crosser (via conference call)

Member(s) Absent: NA

Guests: None

Staff Liaison: Deb Schildroth

Approval of Minutes: Madesh moved approval of the November 21, 2019 minutes and Wayne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum: None

Online Survey Update: The survey went live on December 2nd and 3 responses have been received so far. There was discussion about sharing the link and ensuring people know about the survey.

Selection of Humanitarian Award: One application was received. Wayne moved to name Janet Hopper as the 2020 Humanitarian Award recipient. Madesh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Joel volunteered to make arrangements for the award production, and Jill volunteered to present the award to Ms. Hopper at the January 20th MLK Day event.

Commission members discussed ways to promote the Humanitarian Award. This will be re-visited at the January AHRC meeting.

Joel and Deb will contact the award recipient and the individual who nominated her.

Home for Everyone Award form: The content of the form was reviewed. Wayne moved approval of the form including using the fillable PDF format. Madesh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Joel noted that applications for both the Humanitarian Award and the Home for Everyone Award are open throughout the year. Period press releases, social media posts, etc. are needed to help promote these awards.

Commissioner Announcements: Wayne provided a reminder about the MLK event on January 20, 2020 at 6pm – 7:30pm at Ames Middle School. The program starts at 7pm. The keynote speaker will be Reg Stewart, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Iowa State University. The inclement weather date is January 27th.

AHRC pays for the cake honoring the event and Deb will follow up with Vanessa Baker Latimer about arrangements.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2020 at 5:30pm. Joel will take minutes as Deb has a scheduling conflict.

Adjournment: Madesh moved to adjourn at 5:57pm.