

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022 - 3:30 p.m.

Members Present	Members Absent
Casey Bakhsh	Andrew Carlson
Andrew Carlson	Carmela Hill
Stacy Cole	Amanda Peregrina
Drew France	Kim Teehee
Tia Juby	
Larissa McNeil	
Joshua Stark	
Shannon Starr	
Andrea Walker	

- I. Call to Order and Introductions**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm by Chairwoman Juby
- II. Compassionate Tulsa Awards Presentation**
 - a. Commissioner Juby introduces Vicky Langston, Chair of Compassionate Tulsan Awards
 - i. June's compassionate Tulsan Award was awarded to Rabbi Dan Kaiman for his social activism motivated by Jewish learning.
 - ii. August's compassionate Tulsan Award was awarded to Ashley Kirby Thomas and Amanda Griffin for their summer reading initiative, Mobile Media. Mobile Media provides books to low-income neighborhoods.
- III. Guest Speaker: LaKendra Carter, Compliance Officer**
 - a. LaKendra provides her quarterly complaint report update.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Commissioner Juby calls for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner France makes a motion
 - ii. Commissioner Cole seconds the motion
 - iii. Minutes approved
- V. Chair's Report**
 - a. Chairwoman Juby reports that:
 - i. The commission will participate in 918 days kick off on Saturday, September 17th. This year's theme is honoring Public Safety officials, and it'd be an appropriate place to discuss the commission, how to file a complaint, and available resources in Tulsa.
 - ii. Lynn Jones and Vicky Holler have resigned
- VI. Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Special Events Committee**

- i. Commissioner France informs the commission that the committee has begun working to create an inaugural "humanitarian of the year" award.
 1. The committee proposes that the ceremony be held during a special meeting in December in honor of International Human Rights Day.
 2. The committee is discussing nominating Toby Jenkins as the inaugural recipient.
 3. The committee is working on establishing a committee for review and selection.

b. Compliance and Advisory Committee

- i. No report

c. Fair Housing Committee

- i. Commissioner Bakhsh reports:
 1. The committee hasn't met
 2. The committee is looking for new members - specific folks in the realtor and housing fields.

d. Community Relations Committee

- i. The committee reports that they've begun discussing scheduling a meeting dedicated to ways to get organized.

e. Compassionate Tulsa Committee

- i. See section II

f. Veteran Affairs Report

- i. Vice-Chairman Starks reports that Oklahoma veterans' advocates were able to get a significant PAC Act passed after five years.
 1. The PAC Act expands the presumptive conditions that combat victims face receiving medical claim assistance.
 - a. This is significant because VA Medical care is only covered for five years after veterans get home. Veterans not diagnosed as disabled after five years lose access to that healthcare.

VII. Title 5 Commission Reports:

a. The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

- i. No report

b. Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

- i. No report

c. The Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission

- i. No report

d. The Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic /Latinx Affairs Commission

- i. No report

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. None

X. Adjournment



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- a. Chairwoman Juby makes a motion to adjourn
 - i. Commissioner Cole seconds the motion
 - ii. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm