

**MINUTES**  
**Commission on Human Rights Meeting**  
**January 5, 2016**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Columbia City Hall, Conference Room 1C**  
**701 E. Broadway**  
**Columbia, Missouri**

**Commission members present:** Scott Dean, Dalton Calcote, Stacye Smith, Amanda Andrade, Elizabeth Miller and Persephone Dakopolos.

**Excused Absence:** Jenna Liu.

**Staff Present:** Rose Wibbenmeyer

**No member of the public was present.**

**Chair- Call to Order:**

Mr. Dean called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Presentation by Mark Kirchhoff:**

Mark Kirchhoff, Outreach Case Manager of the Homeless Youth Program at Rainbow House, spoke about youth homelessness in Columbia and the services provided by Rainbow House. His email address is mkirchhoff@RainbowHouseColumbia.org. His telephone number is 573-818-8288. He encouraged the Commission members to contact him with questions.

**Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2015 Closed Meeting:**

Ms. Andrade moved to approve the minutes from the closed meeting on November 3, 2015. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The draft minutes of the November 3, 2015 closed meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from the December 1, 2015 Meeting:**

Mr. Calcote moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 1, 2015. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The draft minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting were distributed in advance of the meeting and were approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Future Agenda Topics:*

Mr. Dean asked the Commission if they had any other topics for the future agenda. The Commission did not have any additional agenda topics.

Mr. Dean announced that he and Ms. Wibbenmeyer were working on an annual report for 2015 and asked for Commissioners to provide any ideas for goals to Mr. Dean or Ms. Wibbenmeyer.

**Reports:***Education, Outreach and Events:*

Mr. Dean mentioned Ms. Wibbenmeyer's education report. Mr. Dean announced that he may be giving a presentation at a "Lunch and Learn" with Chuck Graham to talk about the Disabilities Commission and the Human Rights Commission.

*Citizens Police Review Board:*

Mr. Dean reported that the police gave a report to Council last night about the Department's response to the President's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report. He also announced that the Board will be working on a strategic plan in the near future.

*Disabilities Commission:*

Mr. Dean said that they may do a parking enforcement training for reporting violations of parking ordinances using an app.

*Youth Advisory Council:*

There was no report.

*Columbia Values Diversity Celebration Committee:*

Ms. Wibbenmeyer reported that the Commission will be recognized for their sponsorship of the speaker and the awards. She also asked which Commission members need tickets to attend the breakfast. The following Commission members requested tickets: Scott Dean, Persephone Dakopolos, Stacye Smith, and Amanda Andrade.

*Other Reports:*

Mr. Dean talked about the Mayors Task Force on Community Violence and the Commission's willingness to assist with a forum.

Ms. Smith attended the DAP program at Shelter. Ms. Andrade announced that she attended the DAP program at Stephens.

Mr. Dean announced that Rag Tag is doing a free screening of Selma on Martin Luther King Day.

**Public Comment:**

No member of the public commented.

**Board Member and Staff Comment:**

Ms. Wibbenmeyer stated that the agreement between Columbia Public Schools and the City of Columbia for Human Rights Enhancement Program funding for the Columbia World Religion Series has been signed and the check was delivered to the school district.

Ms. Wibbenmeyer told the Commission that the Human Rights Software Program was not functioning and that she is using a simplified sequential case numbering system to track inquiries and complaints.

Ms. Wibbenmeyer provided the Commission members with copies of the new brochures.

Ms. Wibbenmeyer stated that Welcoming America has sent the City an invoice for membership. While their initial material indicated that membership was free, they are now billing the City. Ms. Wibbenmeyer stated that she has sent an email disputing the invoice. While Mr. Dean expressed appreciation at the work of Welcoming America, he did not feel that there was \$200 a value, at this time, in what the City received in best practices.

**Closed Session:**

There was no closed session.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Calcote moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

**Next Meeting: February 2, 2016**