

NORMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

October 26, 2015

The Norman Human Rights Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Complex located at 201 W. Gray Street on October 26, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were duly posted 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Lou Drywater, Daniel Dukes, Kay Ham, Amyie Kao, Marjaneh Seirafi-Pour, Harry Wright

ABSENT: Commissioner Jose Dela Cruz

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Bell, Jayme Rowe, Officer Ali Jaffery

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Cindy Rosenthal, Sarah Greenwood, Stephanie Penate, Troy Stephenson

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Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2015, MEETING.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the agenda of the October 26, 2015, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Kao, and the question being approving the agenda of the October 26, 2015, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao, Seirafi-Pour and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the agenda of the October 26, 2015, meeting of the Norman Human Rights Commission was approved.

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the recommendation will be presented to the Council.

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Item 6, being:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL ON
THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELD
OCTOBER 1, 2015.

The Commission discussed the Inclusive Community Dialogue on Domestic Violence which was held October 1, 2015 in the Lowry Room at Norman Public Library. While there was a small turnout, the participation among those in attendance was active and enthusiastic. Commissioner Ham explained the process of summarizing the comments made at the Inclusive Community Dialogue and preparing a report for City Council. Commissioners Wright, Dukes and Seirafi-Pour offered to organize the comments recorded and prepare a draft of a report to be presented to Council.

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Item 7, being:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD.

The four nominees for the annual Human Rights Award were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Seirafi-Pour moved that the Human Rights Award for 2015 be presented to Ashley Nicole McCray for her work to implement a new diversity policy at the University of Oklahoma which requires new and incoming students at OU to take mandatory diversity training courses and to assist with developing the course materials. Additionally, Ms. McCray assisted with a successful campaign to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day at the University of Oklahoma which makes OU one of the first universities in the country to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. This motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Wright; and the question being to present the 2015 Human Rights Award to Ashley Nicole McCray, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Commissioners Drywater, Dukes, Ham, Kao, Seirafi-Pour and Wright

NAYES: None

The Chair declared the motion carried; and the 2015 Human Rights Award will be presented to Ashley Nicole McCray at an upcoming City Council meeting.