



# MINUTES

## Civil Rights Commission

6:00 PM - Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Library, 1101 6th Avenue

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*\*Minutes are in draft format until approved at the next meeting\**

The Civil Rights Commission of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Boardroom of the Library, 1101 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Denise Bridges, Angelica Vannatta, Steven Moshier, Cody Crawford, Renae Forsyth-Christy, and Katie Tanner

ABSENT: Kent Jackson, Megan Middaugh, and Okpara Rice

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Abernathey

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Tibbetts

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public wished to speak.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Motion to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes

Moved by Forsyth-Christy, seconded by Crawford, to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes.

Approved unanimously

#### Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission (CRCRC) Report

Jennifer Tibbetts, CRCRC Investigator, shared information on CRCRC outreach efforts.

#### Staff Liaison Report

Abernathey provided the monthly staff liaison report including an update on the meeting location and intakes and inquiries received by the Commission.

#### Commission Vacancies

Moshier indicated his term ends at the end of year and he will not be seeking

reappointment. Vannatta stated she and Commissioner Rice will also not be seeking reappointment at the end of the year. Abernathey stated the application process will open up this week or next to fill the open seats. The Commission discussed logistics of filling the vacancies.

### **2024 Outreach Plan**

- **Review and discussion of draft 2024 Outreach Plan**
- **Vote of approval for the 2024 Outreach Plan**

Forsyth-Christy and Tanner provided an overview of how the ad hoc committee came up with the changes to the draft 2024 outreach plan. The Commission discussed details of the draft plan.

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Forsyth-Christy, to approve the 2024 Outreach Plan.  
Approved unanimously

### **Community Outreach Discussion**

The Commission debriefed on recent outreach and discussed upcoming outreach. Tanner indicated through conversations at the recent coffee gathering with the Marion Chamber of Commerce there was a lot of interest in having a service and companion animal training as it relates to housing in Marion.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Jennifer Tibbetts indicated the City's website says the meeting is at City Hall.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No one from the Commission wished to speak.

### **ADJOURN**

Vannatta adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alicia Abernathey, Executive Assistant