



MINUTES

Civil Rights Commission

6:00 PM - Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Library, 1101 6th Avenue

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The Civil Rights Commission of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 6:00 PM, in the Boardroom of the Library, 1101 6th Avenue, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Kent Jackson, Cody Crawford, Renae Forsyth-Christy, Katie Tanner, and Mary Beth O'Neill

ABSENT: Denise Bridges and Brian Chubb

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Abernathey and Kim Downs

OTHERS PRESENT: Stefanie Munsterman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

Commissioner O'Neill introduced herself and shared her background with the Commission.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Jackson, to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes.
Approved unanimously

Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission (CRCRC) Report

Stefanie Munsterman, CRCRC Executive Director, shared information on CRCRC's recent conversation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding recent topics at the state level. Munsterman shared information on CRCRC cases and outreach.

Staff Liaison Report

Downs provided the monthly staff liaison report including an update on the Low to Moderate Income Housing Assistance Grant.

Outreach Plan Check In

- **Sign-up Genius**

The Commission discussed details for the upcoming fair housing event on April 24, potential pride events, the City Showcase, and the Linn-Mar Diversity Fair. An email will be sent to Commissioners to sign up for participation in April events.

Discussion regarding the Marion Civil Rights Commission 10th Anniversary (May 2024)

The Commission discussed various ideas for celebrating the Commission's 10th anniversary including a proclamation and the possibility of the Commission presenting to City Council in May. Abernathey indicated she will confirm when the Commission is scheduled to present to City Council and will work with the Chair and Vice Chair regarding the presentation date.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public was present.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Forsyth-Christy provided details on information she found for Women's History Month to be shared on social media.

Forsyth-Christy shared details of an incident she witnessed while visiting Nashville, Tennessee.

ADJOURN

Forsyth-Christy adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Alicia Abernathey, Executive Assistant