

Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

The September 15 meeting was in person; Octavia no longer works for the City and no one else is able to set up a zoom meeting.

Meetings were not scheduled for May through August due to lack of a quorum. Four members are required for a quorum.

Attendees: Carolyn Randazzo, Becky Mueller, Desi Brisco, Dr. Jackie Lewis-Harris, Council Liaison Naquittia Noah

Desi Brisco was introduced and welcomed as our new member.

The meeting was called to order; a quorum was present. Dr. Jackie served as acting chairperson.

Public comments: none

Business meeting --

The minutes from the April 21 meeting were approved.

Reports: none

Unfinished Business:

- We want to reschedule the community mediator presentation at another Clay Café. The mediator was unable to attend the March event due to illness.
- We discussed nominees for the Human Rights Advocate award. We need to ask the FFSD Superintendent for recommendations for the Youth award; the student liaison to the school board might be a possibility. Don Stevens was suggested for the individual award. The NPSC, Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee, was suggested for the organization award. The NPSC has been crucial to helping Ferguson meet DOJ Consent Decree requirements for both the City traffic court and the Ferguson Police Dept.

New Business:

- Election of new officers: Carolyn Randazzo will serve as chairperson; Becky Mueller will serve as recording secretary
- National Night Out: The HRC will provide information at the event for Ward 1. Carolyn still has HRC information pamphlets to hand out. The Ward 1 event will be on Cross Street on October 7.
- Becky suggested that the HRC should do "equity audits" of City Council bills. She is concerned that some of the bills they pass negatively impact rights of community members. She will create parameters for an "equity audit" and present a report at the October meeting.

- Carolyn commented that the City Council should receive more training for their positions.
- Becky suggested that the HRC give a presentation to the City Council on human rights. We would have to ask the mayor for time on a Council meeting agenda. Naquittia noted that National Human Rights Day is December 10th; we could tie our presentation to that.

Miscellaneous:

We will continue to encourage Emily Benner to reapply for appointment to the HRC.

The next meeting will be October 20th at 6 pm.

We need someone on City staff to set up a zoom meeting so Marissa will be able to attend.

Comments by Council Liaison: none

Becky Mueller
HRC Secretary

Minutes were [approved as read // amended & approved] on: _____

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