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When: May 9, 2024 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: Community Equity Commission

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**Community Equity Commission  
May 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of April 11, 2024 Minutes
3. Reflection: Mental Health Awareness Month
4. Zoning 101
5. Voices for Change Update
6. Update on Our Community Listens
7. Public Comment
8. Comments from Members
9. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm
10. Adjourn

**The City of Clayton  
Community Equity Commission  
City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston Ave.  
April 11, 2024**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: Chris Schmiz, Stuart Berkowitz, Karin Schute, Frances Pires, Ben Uchitelle, Ted Wheeler, and JoAnna Schooler (ex officio).

Additional: Alderman Gary Feder, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant City Manager Andrea Muskopf

**Approval of March 14, 2024 Minutes**

Ben Uchitelle moved to approve the minutes. Stuart Berkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Reflection: Earth Day**

Chris Schmiz led the Reflection.

**Missouri Legislative Update with State Representative Ian Mackey**

Representative Ian Mackey spoke to the Commission.

**Voices for Change Update**

Chris Schmiz provided an update.

**Appointment of Representative for Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force**

Chris Schmiz will serve as the Commission's representative for the Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force.

**Voices for Change Update**

Chris Schmiz shared an update on the Voices for Change program.

**Update on Recommendation to Amend Failure to Appear Ordinance**

The Board of Aldermen passed the amended Failure to Appear Ordinance on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

**Update on Kirkwood for All**

Chris Schmiz provided an update. More discussion will occur later.

**Update on Business Community Update**

None

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Comments from Members**

Chris Schmiz provided an update on Clayton Tomorrow 2040 and shared that Sarah Rugenstone will be reaching out individually to faith leaders.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9.

**Adjourn**

Frances Pires moved to adjourn the meeting. Ted Wheeler seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

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Clayton Community Equity Commission  
May 9, 2024  
Reflection

*We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are on the traditional homelands of Osage Nation, Missouri, and Illini Confederacy.*

*We pay respect to elders both past and present, and we thank them for their hospitality and stewardship of this land.*

# *May is Mental Health Awareness Month*

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – a time to learn more about and recognize the importance of taking care of our mental health and well-being.

Mental Health Awareness Month also aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage people to speak openly about their struggles. Mental health has historically been a taboo subject, but more and more individuals and organizations are working diligently to bring these issues to light.



1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year



1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year



**You are not alone. Millions of people are impacted by mental health each year.**

For 24/7 assistance, call the Suicide Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8



For local resources, scan the QR code to visit the Office on Behavioral Health And Substance Abuse's website.



1 in 5 Americans lives with a mental health condition, making it more common than diabetes, asthma, arthritis and the flu, yet there is still a stigma surrounding mental illness that all too often gets in the way of people getting the medical care they need.



## *Pause is Power*

Normalizing the practice of taking moments to prioritize mental health care without guilt or shame is crucial.

