

**The City of Clayton  
Community Equity Commission  
City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston Ave.  
February 8, 2024**

Minutes

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Chris Schmiz, Stuart Berkowitz, Lauren Rodriguez-Goldstein, Karin Schute, Ben Uchitelle, JoAnna Schooler (ex officio), Rob Whitney (ex officio), Sarah Rugenstone (ex officio), and Cameron Poole (ex officio).

Additional: Alderman Gary Feder and Assistant City Manager Andrea Muskopf

**Approval of January 11, 2024 Minutes**

Karin Schute moved to approve the minutes. Ben Uchitelle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Reflection: Black History Month**

Chris Schmiz led the Reflection.

**State of Missouri Human Rights Commission Update**

Chris Schmiz provided an update that the Board of Aldermen approved the recommendation, and the letter was mailed to the Governor.

**2023 Annual Report**

Lauren Rodriguez-Goldstein moved to approve the Annual Report. Ben Uchitelle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Review of Guiding Principles and Priorities for Upcoming Year**

Ben Uchitelle moved to adopt the Guiding Principles for 2024. Karin Schute seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The discussion on action items was tables for a future meeting.

**Update on Student-Led Project with School District of Clayton**

Cameron Poole and Chris Schmiz provided an update on the project. Lauren Rodriguez-Goldstein moved to recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider partnering with the School District of Clayton and the Clayton Community Foundation (CCF) to implement a “Voices for Change” Writing Contest. The Writing Contest should consist of the information outlined in the agenda packet. Karin Schute seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Update on Survey to Business Community**

Rob Whitney provided an update on the survey. The goal will be to take a more targeted approach with a joint meeting in the future.

**Update on Meeting with Faith-Based Leaders**

There will be a joint meeting with the Community Equity Commission and Faith-Based Leaders on Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm at The Gathering in Clayton. Chris Schmiz, Lauren Rodriguez-

Goldstein, and JoAnna Schooler to assist with refreshments. Ben Uchitelle to assist with outreach via phone.

**Subcommittee Updates**

Updates were provided. City Manager Gipson or Assistant City Manager Muskopf to provide update to Commission on status of social worker conversion with Maplewood and Richmond Heights.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Comments from Members**

No comments from members.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14.

**Adjourn**

Having no other business, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.