

**The City of Clayton  
Community Equity Commission  
City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston Ave.  
March 14, 2024**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: Chris Schmiz, Stuart Berkowitz, Lauren Rodriguez-Goldstein, Karin Schute, Ben Uchitelle, and JoAnna Schooler (ex officio).

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

**Approval of February 8, 2024 Minutes**

Stuart Berkowitz moved to approve the minutes. Karin Schute seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Reflection: Equal Pay Day**

Chris Schmiz led the Reflection.

**Review of Traffic Stop Data by Chief Smith**

Chief Smith presented 2023 Traffic Stop Data.

**Philippine Village Historic Site Marker**

Ben Uchitelle moved to approve the recommendation and language of the Philippine Village Historic Site Marker. Stuart Berkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Recommendation to Amend Failure to Appear Ordinance**

Stuart Berkowitz moved to recommend that the Board of Aldermen the repeal and replacement of the Failure Appear Ordinance as proposed. Karin Schute seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Voices for Change Update**

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

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

There has been no response from Faith-Based Leaders on attending the meeting planned for early April. Instead of the larger meeting, Sarah Rugenstone will be reaching out to schedule one-on-one meetings with members of the faith community.

**Update on Business Community Outreach**

No update.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Comments from Members**

Lauren Rodriguez-Goldstein shared an idea for future discussion with Washington University's Prison Education Project – Reentry Program, focusing on ways Clayton can enhance its community support to make reentry following incarceration more welcoming for individuals. Chris Schmiz provided an update on the Board of Aldermen discussion on the Community Equity Commission's Annual Report.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11.

**Adjourn**

Having no other business, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.