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Meeting Minutes - Draft DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, January 28, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm, Ringland presiding.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff: Norman Davis, Kristy Kumar, Julie Austin

Present: 10 - Betty Hicks; Pamela Erlanger; Joseph A. Frost; Eric A. Koch; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Jane Earl; Susan G. Balliette; Kory S. Macy; Will J. Ringland and Chan M. Stroman

Absent: 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Stroman, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [62320](#)
Public Comment
There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [63938](#)
Introductions
Welcome Kristy Kumar, Equity and Social Justice Manager. Norman reiterated this new division is not lessening Disability Rights, but strengthening it. There was worry from the commission about being one step further from the Mayor's office.
3. [63942](#)
Overview/Discussion about New Equity and Social Justice Division
When ideas are brought up there needs to be structure to facilitate the execution. Reach out to Norman if there is a feeling that things are not

progressing as they should.

4. [62727](#)

Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [DRC Future agenda items.docx](#)

1. COVID - access to the vaccine/support services for those with disabilities
 - a. COVID testing sites are drive up - even for the vaccine.
2. Purchase of accessible condos/houses
 - a. Complication of the process
 - b. Condos with accessibility being sold to others with no disabilities who would remove the current modifications
3. Reinforcement for universal design concept into building designs.
4. NRT's - during the restructuring and how we can bring knowledge to the NRT's - future presentation from Norm/Tariq.
5. Workgroups

REPORTS

5. [62729](#)

Report from the Common Council

There was no report from the Common Council.

6. [15340](#)

Report from the Department of Civil Rights

1. 100% remote work - not returning to the office soon.
2. Working on plans to return to work with a rotating schedule
3. Working on adopting a 2021 workplan with Department of Workforce Development.
4. Time to start working on the 2022 budget

7. [24056](#)

Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

Joe's name and contact information was given to the staff for the MLK Commission.

1. 2021 calendar was just worked out.
2. Awards were given on MLK Birthday
3. Award ceremony is recorded and can be viewed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stroman, seconded by Earl, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.