

Laconia Human Relations Committee

August 8, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

David Stamps welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Laconia Human Relations Committee. Committee member roll call was taken, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present – Chair David Stamps, Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Carol Pierce, David Osman, Matt Soza, Trish Weatherbee and Carrie Chandler

Present via Zoom – Kate Bruchacova

Excused – Janet Simmons, Rev. Judith Wright, Pat Wood, Kay Anderson, Seifu Ragassa

III. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Approval – **A motion was made by Matt Soza, seconded by David Osman, to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Laconia Human Relations Committee; with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

A More Perfect Union Article Series

- Discussion about Republic vs. Democracy
- 4th Article in the Series was reworked by sub-committee – input was provided by the larger committee and a few minor changes were made. **Trish Weatherbee made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hosmer, to approve the revised article for print; with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Multi-Cultural Day – September 10th

- Becky Guyer was present to provide an update.
- The event is on budget in thanks to the city for granting the committee's request for additional funds and 5 new sponsors.
- Current vendor count is at 34 and growing
- Several entertainment groups will be performing
- Becky still needs help with setup of tables, tents, etc. and garbage pickup (Carrie Chandler will approach the Boy Scouts)
- Laconia Human Relations will have a booth with a game for children – and provide their own tent. "Everyone is Welcome in Laconia" signs will be for sale.
- The committee will help disseminate posters
- Becky is looking for ideas for music for flag ceremony

Pride Flag

A letter for direct mail to the person who wrote the letter to the editor regarding the need for a pride flag was read to the committee for comment. **Motion was made by Carol, seconded by Matt, to mail the letter without change; with no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one present for public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35p by Chair David Stamps.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, 3:30p, City Hall Room 200A and via zoom invite.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Chandler,
Recording Secretary