

ROCK ISLAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Mission: The mission of the Rock Island Human Rights Commission is to bring about greater public awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists within the community and to ensure that all humans are treated equally, regardless of race gender, religion, age, or disability.

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

630 Martin Luther King Drive, Rock Island, IL 61201

<u>Commission Members Present</u>	<u>Commission Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Public Present</u>
Steven Andich David Levin, Chair Margie Mejia-Caraballo Randall McMurray Monta Ponsetto Vince Thomas Lyss Chiampi Sara Meyer	Keenan Wilson	Jerry Jones	Leslie Day

- **AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order at 5:01 pm by David Levin**
- **AGENDA ITEM #2 – Public Comments – none**
- **AGENDA ITEM #3 – Approval of Minutes from February Meeting – approved**
- **AGENDA ITEM #4 – Open Meeting Act Discussion with City Attorney, Leslie Day**

Ms. Day discussed compliance with the Open Meetings Act:

- The Commission may go into closed session for issues of housing. All closed sessions must be recorded.
- All people making public comments must be clearly identified.
- Confidentiality of investigations can be maintained by referring only to the case number when discussing cases in meetings. Also, investigators may send status reports to the Commission by email. No reply should be sent by members. Investigative and deliberation documents are not subject to FOIA.

- Commission members are recommended to establish separate email addresses for HRC business. In case of FOIA, members would be asked to provide the City any emails or messages (including text) to determine relevance to the request.
- Members of the commission may attend commission meetings remotely if their in-person absence is work related, due to illness or disability. The commission then must vote on that virtual attendance at the beginning of the meeting. In order to vote, the commission must have an in-person quorum (7) of the commission.
- If a majority of a quorum (4) is present, that constitutes a meeting. If that meeting has not been properly posted for public notice 48 hrs before it is held, then that meeting cannot occur. This means that if four members of the commission are present in any setting, they cannot discuss commission business unless the meeting is properly posted.
- Commission members agreed that closed sessions will occur after public comments.
- **AGENDA ITEM #5 – Old Business**
Open Investigations:
 - 90-2023-AP Randy - Closed
 - 91-2024-BT Margie and Sara - Closed
 - 92-2024-JP David and Vince - Closed
 - 93-2024-JC David and Vince - Closed
 - 94-2024-KS Steve A. and Keenan W. - Closed
 - 95-2024-HP Randall and Vince - Closed
- **AGENDA ITEM #6 – New Business**
Members will reach out to their networks to encourage application to the Human Rights Commission to fill vacancies.
- **AGENDA ITEM #7 – Commissioner Comments**
None
- **AGENDA ITEM #8 – Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 pm**

NEXT MEETING: May 16, 2024 - 630 Martin Luther King Dr., Rock Island, IL 61201 at 5:00 pm.
The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third Thursday of each month