

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the Falcon Heights - Community Engagement Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES

July 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

May_X__ Kohn_X__ Johnson_X__
Larrabee_X__ Cooley-Kistler_X__ LaDouceur_X__

COUNCIL LIAISON

Wehyee_X__

STAFF PRESENT:

Nandkumar_X__

C. Presentation

D. Approval of Minutes:

- June 15, 2020 minutes

Approved 6-0

E. DISCUSSION

1. Sanctuary/Welcoming City Ordinance

- Council Member Wehyee has brought the Welcoming City ordinance at previous Council workshops. It would work to help protect our vulnerable community members (based on immigration status). If there is not a legal subpoena this ordinance will prohibit the City for using immigration status in violations.
- This ordinance was created based off of the Minneapolis ordinance.
- One common question that was discussed amongst Commissioners would be "how would Ramsey County implement this ordinance?"
- Commission recommends Council adopts the ordinance.

2. Quarter 3 Goals/ Quarter 2 Updates

- Policing: Contract does not discuss strategies about policing. The contract discusses the legal components between the City and County. Commission would like to know who creates the policies and how this can be communicated with the community.
- Sheriff's Office has not been able to schedule a time to hold a town hall meeting.
- Council has asked City Staff to send a formal written request to the Sheriff's department asking for a town hall meeting.

- Chair Kim Johnson and staff will work on creating a community engagement web page for residents.

3. Human Rights Day

- Human Rights Day is Thursday, December 10th.
- Subcommittee will be created for brainstorming topics.
- Commission will plan for the event to be held virtually. Staff will look into the option of streaming on live cable network.

F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Julie Ebbesen will be appointment to the CEC at the July 22nd City Council Meeting.
- Commission will not meet in August. Subcommittees are to work on their assigned tasks. Next meeting will be September 21st.

G. ADJOURNMENT: