


  
**ROCK ISLAND**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
**COMMISSION**

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12/3/2020 The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third (3) Thursday of each month beginning

Location: Conference Room  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Center  
 630 Martin Luther King Dr  
 Lockhart-Johnson  
 Rock Island, IL 61201

City Liaison: Jerry Jones  
 Chairman: Quincy Davis  
 Vice Chairman: Janet  
 Secretary: Christiana

Headley

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II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Quincy Davis. The following commission members were present virtually via Google Meetings (P):

P	Thurgood Brooks	P	Jerry Jones, City Liaison
P	Quincy Davis, Chairman	P	Jason Lopez
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P	Janet Lockhart Johnson, Vice Chairman	P	Steven Andich
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III. DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE CHANGES

- a. Definitions: Team members will go through and truncate/simplify “including, but not limited to” (Tamara and Steve)
- b. #42-change sexual preference to sexual orientation
- c. Filing complaint:

- i. Jerry is updating original document
- ii. 300 days to file
- iii. Allow liaison in lieu of individual complainant, commission can start investigation, but if complainant chooses not to pursue, the investigation can be ended. Provision E: investigate instance/patterns when there are multiple complaints.
- iv. Add (F): require a vote before investigation. Implied that a vote is expected in current writing
- v. Subpoena power:
  - 1. Different types of subpoena
    - a. Records
    - b. To appear in person
  - 2. Majority vote to create subpoena (102.b) Jerry changed "chair" to commission
  - 3. Records must remain confidential
  - 4. Require open meetings act training for all commission members
- vi. Remedies
  - 1. \$500 fine per offense (up to that amount) Recommendations we can make to complainant to contact police. Quincy and Thurgood recommended developing a scale for determining fine/penalty. Discussion about where the fines go. Steve clarified they go to the city. Also recommended to extend the fine payment from 30 days. Jerry will incorporate changes and bring to next meeting for approval

X. ADJOURN: Quincy Davis made a motion to adjourn at 6:14pm, Vince-2nd, Consensus

NEXT MEETING: The Rock Island Human Rights Commission normally meets the third Thursday of each month, **December 17, 2020**, 630 Martin Luther King Dr. Rock Island, IL 61201 beginning at **5:00 p.m.** Due to COVID-19, the Commission will continue to meet through Google Meeting set up by Jerry Jones, until further notice.


  
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III. Consideration of meeting minutes  
 Minutes could not be approved from 12/2/20 meeting, but will be approved at the next meeting.

IV. Public Comment  
 There was no public comment at this meeting.

## V. Membership Update

There is no membership update at this time.

## VI. Old Business

- a. 74-2020-JT: David updated the commission. No further information was provided from the complainant and no response from complainant. David made a motion to close the case. Clayton-2nd, consensus.
- b. Subpoena powers update:
  - i. Definitions: Clayton made a motion to accept the revised definitions that were presented, David 2nd, consensus
  - ii. Change was made to “sexual orientation and gender identity” by T. Felden. The updated ordinance changes will hopefully be presented to city council at their March meeting. David recommends as many HRC members be present as possible. Jerry recommends an assistant secretary to help manage paperwork with new subpoena powers
  - iii. The city manager expects us to discuss with city attorney first. Jerry will submit a draft to the city attorney so we can review changes in the HRC February meeting for the March meeting presentation.
  - iv. Questions about ordinance:
    1. Sec 17-121 (a): Should specify “to the respondent/all involved parties”
    2. Sec 17-121 (c): “Verified” do we need this term? Tamara requests to strike the term
    3. Sec 17-122 (a): “Initial”/”Actual” add to definitionsThe commission will set a hearing within 90 days
    4. Sec 17-122 (b): Revisit when we have rules. T. Felden will draft hearing rules and Steve will review.

VII. New Business: There is no new business at this time.

VIII. Further Education: None at this time.

IX. Commissioner comments: None

X. Adjourn: Quincy made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm, Janet 2nd, consensus

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