



**Human Relations Commission
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Festival Park Plaza Training Room, 225 Ray Avenue, Fayetteville

Present: Chairwoman Semone Pemberton; Vice-Chairwoman Milette Harris; Secretary Samar Abdelfatah; Commissioner Dr. Elmore Lowery; Commissioner Abram Flores

Staff Present: Yamile Nazar, DEI Director; Diona Curtis, Administrative Specialist

Others Present: Eric Lindstrom AIA, LEED AP-Director of Design, SFLA Architects; Christopher Frank AIA, Project Architect, SFLA Architects

Chairwoman Pemberton called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Secretary Abdelfatah, seconded by Commissioner Flores. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Lowery. Vote was unanimous.

Market House Consultants Presentation: Ms. Nazar introduced the Market House Consultants from SFLA Architects, Eric Lindstrom and Chris Frank, who are tasked with designing the Market House to make it ADA accessible. Mr. Lindstrom introduced himself and Mr. Frank, and briefly described some of the work that they have done around Fayetteville, and the progress that they have made with the Market House thus far. Mr. Lindstrom explained that their purpose is to find a way to accommodate all ideas into one to make the Market House safe for the community and ADA accessible. There were three designs presented, and discussion ensued about other things that may need to be added to make the project successful.

Community Awards Luncheon Updates: Chairwoman Pemberton inquired about an update on the progress of the Community Award sales. Diona provided an update on the amount of sales and an estimate of how much money has been raised at the current moment. Ms. Nazar stated that ticket sales end tomorrow, February 10, and explained the details of the event.

Ms. Nazar stated there was not a Commissioner of the Year selected, so the Commissioners did a final vote to break the tie. The winner will be announced at the luncheon.

Dining & Dialogue Proposal: Secretary Abdelfatah stated we should give recognition to Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) for an upcoming Dining & Dialogue topic. The proposal will be presented at the Commission meeting on Thursday, February 23 to be voted on.

Community Stakeholder Roundtable (Brooks): Chairwoman Pemberton stated former Commissioner, Kevin Brooks, hosts virtual roundtables monthly, and has offered an invite to the Commission to share updates and participate in conversations. It is a virtual conversation to share concerns, resources, and get answers to continue to work towards safer communities. Ms. Nazar will send out the flyer with the information.

Community Conversations (Sponsored by Fayetteville Observer): Chairwoman Pemberton stated the Community Conversation is sponsored by the Fayetteville Observer. There will be a panel discussion on Saturday, February 11, from 12pm-2pm, facilitated by Myron Pitts. Chairwoman Pemberton stated the panel discussion is in light of the recent events that have occurred in Memphis, Tennessee. Ms. Nazar stated skateboarders will gather at the Market House.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chairwoman Harris and seconded by Commissioner Flores. With a unanimous vote, Chairwoman Pemberton adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Approved _____

Samar Abdelfatah, Secretary