



Blue Springs, Missouri

Human Relations Commission

2017



Overview

The City of Blue Springs is a community that prides itself on its diversity and its responsiveness to all citizens. In order to enhance the ability to educate and also respond to concerns that may be expressed related to gender, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or disability, the City created the Blue Springs Human Relations Commission (HRC).

History

- Mayor, Carson Ross, Chief of Police, Wayne McCoy, Lee's Summit former HRC Chair, Dr. Emanuel Ngomsi and the Blue Springs City Council drafted a charter for the HRC, and appointed seven members of the Blue Springs community to serve as the Human Relations Commission. Kynette Campbell is Chair and Gino Bueno serves as Vice-Chair.
- Other members appointed to the HRC include: Jane Bowerman, Antoine Jennings, Susan Stokenbury, Marjorie Major and Lori Moon. The Commission also has two student representatives, Nafi Seife, BSHS and Munira BSSHs
- Captain Jim Snyder serves as the city's liaison to the HRC.



HRC City Involvement

MLK Celebration, First Christian Church

State of the City Address

Block Party, Autumn Place Apartments

Fall Fun Festival

School SPIRIT

City SPIRIT Planning Committee

Police Department Award Ceremony

2017 HRC Accomplishments

- Worked with the Department of Justice to discuss if the City of Blue Springs should have a City SPIRIT to address racial tensions. (May –July)
- Met with school officials and the Department of Justice to discuss if a School SPIRIT should take place at our high schools (May-July)
- Block Party held at the Autumn Place Apartments (July)
- Participated in the Fall Fun Festival Parade (September)
- City Council voted unanimously in favor of a City SPIRIT (October)
- Helping Residents Connect Fair (October)
- Human Rights Conference (November)
- HRC Forum, Olathe, KS (November)
- Police Department Diversity Training (November & December)
- Prepared & submitted request to City Council for change to Fair Housing Act (December)

2018 HRC Action Plans

- Plan and develop a Community Awards Ceremony to recognize citizens of our city government, school personnel, students, faith-community and business leaders
- Work with SPIRIT Counsel to implement goals decided by City SPIRIT participants.
- Neighborhood Block Parties
- Fall Fun Fest Parade (Tentative)
- Booth at Night Out Against Crime (Tentative)
- Helping Residents Connect Fair – The purpose of the event is to make Blue Springs residents aware of the HRC and the services we offer. Vesper Hall
- Human Rights Conference attendance
- Work with First Christian Church in Blue Springs to co-sponsor their MLK celebration in 2019



Questions & Answers