

# Minutes

## Human Relations Commission

### April 11, 2023

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:45 p.m., Tempe History Museum, Board Room, 809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Melissa Farling  
Rabbanni Furquaan  
Candyce Lindsay  
Joe Rojas  
Peggie Simmons  
Hugo Tapia  
Kate Vawter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Tom Brown  
Pamela Chan  
William Ortega  
David Reynolds

**City Staff Present:**

Ginny Belousek, Equity & Inclusion Manager  
Jamie Rodriquez, Executive Assistant to CMO

**Guests**

None

**Call to Order**

Chair Tapia called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – March 28, 2023**

Motion made by Commissioner Kate Vawter to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes; Second by Commissioner Joe Rojas. Motioned passed on a 7-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Tapia and Commissioners Melissa Farling, Rabbanni Furquaan, Candyce Lindsay, Joe Rojas, Peggie Simmons, and Kate Vawter. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Tom Brown, Pamela Chan, William Ortega and David Reynolds.

**Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Future Agenda Items**

Chair Tapia reminded the Commission that the May meeting has been cancelled due to the May 13<sup>th</sup> HRC Retreat for the pilot Belongings Dialogues, and the June meeting will be a retreat recap and the CEASE City training. The Commission takes off in July. It was stated for the June agenda purposes that Cease City training will be first, followed by the retreat recap. Ginny stated that in August, the Commission should be ready to discuss the upcoming MLK event and come prepared with keynote speaker ideas. She will begin working to get quotes from the local convention halls to confirm the location. A few Commissioners stated they like the Marriott Buttes and would like to see the event stay there if possible. Ginny stated that this year the Omni Hotel will be open, and they will be invited to submit a quote. Commissioners were concerned with ease of parking due to the Omni's downtown location. The Commissioners mentioned the upcoming Boards and Commission Appreciation Reception taking place at the Omni and this will be a good opportunity to see the new venue in advance of a possible MLK event there.

**Agenda Item 4 – Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Date – Saturday, May 13, 2023 (retreat)**

The retreat will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Library's Connection Café Meeting Room (Main Floor).

**Motion made by Commissioner Lindsay to adjourn the meeting**

**Second by Commissioner Farling**

**Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.**

**Ramadan dinner followed**

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Prepared by Ginny Belousek