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## Minutes Human Relations Commission February 14, 2017

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Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Dino Castelli  
Amanda Lee Faustini  
Carl Hermanns  
Chris Houk  
Ira King, Jr.  
B.J. Ayers

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Rochelle Johns  
Jeanne Powers  
Stefanie Garcia  
David Kader  
Tesi Seden

**City Staff Present:**

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager  
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant

**Guests**

None

**Call to Order**

Chair Hermanns called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – January 10, 2017 Minutes (Motion Required)**

**MOTION: Commissioner Castelli moved to ACCEPT the minutes**

Chair Hermanns pointed out that Commissioner Houk was quoted in the minutes but was not in attendance. It was decided that the quote was from Chair Hermanns and not Commissioner Houk.

**SECOND: Commissioner Faustini**

**DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED with name change**

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**Agenda Item 3 – Speak Out PR Campaign – Ginny Belousek**

Ginny Belousek gave an update to the Commission regarding the PR Campaign poster. Ginny met with the City's Public Information Officer, Clerk, and Director of Strategic Management & Diversity where it was indicated that the role of the commission is to advise the City Council. The commission's poster would represent a value statement and is therefore larger than the HRC. The City currently incorporates inclusion in all aspects of its brands and statements. Ginny recommended that the commission consider a press release to help promote the commission to the public. Ginny also recommended bringing back a community forum that the commission used to host, Community Conversations.

Discussion was held on whether the commission should proceed with the PR Campaign poster or look for other avenues to get their message out. Due to current national events, the commission decided to move forward with the PR Campaign initiative as a message and not limit the media at this point. The commission agreed upon a letter to City Council advising them to get the HRC's message out that all are welcome in Tempe.

MOTION made by Commissioner Castelli for Chair Hermanns to draft, and send, a letter to City Council and then to meet with a City Council Member to discuss advocacy and process. Letter is to be accompanied with a message proposal.

SECOND by Commissioner Faustini

***Commissioner Castelli left the meeting at 7:03pm. This caused the meeting to no longer have a quorum and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.***

**Agenda Item 4 – Arizona Police Muslim Advisory Board Meeting Invitation – Ginny Belousek**

Rescheduled to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Strategic Plan Update – Ginny Belousek**

Rescheduled to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 – Diversity Office Update – Ginny Belousek**

Rescheduled to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 7 – Announcement of Next Meeting – March 14, 2017**

Next meeting will be on March 14, 2017.

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Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

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Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek