

Minutes Human Relations Commission March 13, 2018

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Dino Castelli, Vice-Chair
B. J. Ayers
Amanda Lee Faustini
David Kader
Ira King, Jr.
Jeanne Powers
Joe Rojas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Carl Hermanns, Chair
Beth Dietz
Stefanie Garcia
Rochelle Johns

City Staff Present:

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant

Guests

Jay Scherotter
Shahriar Anwar
Steve DeYoung
Karyn DeMartelaere
Claudette Wassil

Call to Order

Vice Chair Castelli called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Sheridan Davis attended and observed the meeting for a school assignment. There were no other public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – February 13, 2018 Minutes (Motion Required)

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to ACCEPT the minutes

Commissioner Castelli requested that an item discussed in the February meeting be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on April 10th. The item in question was: “The Commission inquired if Marie had any recommendations on how they could assist and if there were any policies that would be helpful. Marie encouraged the Commission to reach out to the schools and get to know them and listen to what they need.” Ginny Belousek agreed to place the item on an upcoming agenda.

SECOND: Commissioner Faustini

DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED

Agenda Item 3 – Voter Rights Restoration

Vice Chair Castelli introduced Jay Scherotter to the Commission. Jay thanked the Commission for allowing them to present on Voter Rights and then each member of the People Power group introduced themselves to the Commission. Jay then gave a brief description of the organization. The group consists of all volunteers who advocate for voter rights restoration. The group then began their PowerPoint presentation.

Please see attached presentation.

The Commission discussed the presentation and asked what they could do to assist. The People Power group responded that the reason for presenting was to educate the Commission in hopes that they would help raise awareness throughout their regular daily routine. The Commission further discussed and decided to invite Assistant Chief Angel Carbajal to the next meeting. They would like to discuss police discretion when arresting individuals.

The Commission thanked the group for presenting.

Agenda Item 4 - Diversity Office Update

Ginny Belousek invited the Commission to the upcoming Pride Parade on Sunday, April 8th. She requested that those interested in attending should send her an email noting their shirt size since we will be supplying shirts this year for the event.

Agenda Item 5 – Upcoming Meeting April 10, 2018

Motion made by Commissioner Ayers to adjourn the meeting
Second by Commissioner Faustini
Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek