

Minutes Human Relations Commission October 9, 2018

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Carl Hermanns, Chair
B. J. Ayers
Beth Dietz
David Kader
Ira King, Jr.
Jeanne Powers
Joe Rojas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Dino Castelli, Vice-Chair
Amanda Lee Faustini
Stefanie Garcia
Rochelle Johns

City Staff Present:

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Chair Hermanns called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Eliana Morrison

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

Motion by Commissioner Kader to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2018; second by Commissioner King. Motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Carl Hermanns and Commissioners B.J. Ayers, Beth Dietz, David Kader, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners Amanda Lee Faustini, Stefanie Garcia, and Rochelle Johns

Agenda Item 3 – Board and Commission Annual Report

Ginny Belousek informed the Commission that the Board and Commission Annual Report is due to the City Clerk's Office in December. The Commission then reviewed the year's previous minutes and the City's Council Priorities and discussed what should be included in the report. Ginny will draft the report based on the Commission's discussion and will bring it to the November meeting for approval.

Agenda Item 4 – Ambassador Project

This item was tabled for a future Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Immigration/Separation of Families, Discussion and possible Action

The Commission discussed the issue and decided they would like to know more about the zoning laws in Tempe, especially when it comes to businesses like Southwest Key. Ginny Belousek will reach out to City's Zoning staff and invite them to a future Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Diversity Office Update

Commissioner Rojas updated the Commission on the Diversity Dialogues program. The program has been successful, especially since the teenagers and adults participate together.

Ginny Belousek updated the Commission on the upcoming MLK Diversity Awards. The event will take place on Monday, January 14, 2019. She then informed the Commission that the African American Advisory Commission (AAAC) recommended a keynote speaker for the event, Roy Tatum. He is currently the East Valley NAACP President. She then asked the Commission if they would like to explore further suggestions or move forward with the AAAC recommendation. The Commission discussed and decided to move forward with Roy Tatum as the keynote speaker.

Ginny updated the Commission about the upcoming Challenge Day sessions. She is still accepting volunteers and if anyone is interested, please send her an email.

Ginny informed the Commission that Glen Spencer from Aunt Rita's Foundation requested to present to the Commission at their next meeting in November regarding bringing the AIDS Walk to Tempe.

Agenda Item 7 – Upcoming Meeting November 13, 2018

**Motion made by Commissioner King to adjourn the meeting
Second by Commissioner Rojas
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek