

Minutes Human Relations Commission November 13, 2018

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, November 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
Beth Dietz
Amanda Lee Faustini
Rochelle Johns
Ira King, Jr.
Jeanne Powers
Joe Rojas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Carl Hermanns, Chair
Stefanie Garcia
David Kader

Guests

Glen Spencer

City Staff Present:

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Castelli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Jennifer Song

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – October 9, 2018 Minutes (Motion Required)

Motion by Commissioner Powers to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2018; second by Commissioner Faustini. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Ayes: Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners B.J. Ayers, Beth Dietz, Amanda Lee Faustini, Rochelle Johns, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Chair Carl Hermanns and Commissioners Stefanie Garcia and David Kader

Agenda Item 3 – Aids Walk

Vice-Chair Castelli introduced Glen Spencer, Executive Director at Aunt Rita's Foundation, to the Commission. Glen thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present. He then gave the Commission an overview of Aunt Rita's Foundation. The AIDS Walk is one of the many events they host to raise funds. It is also very important to the community as it is the largest event in Arizona focusing on AIDS awareness. The Foundation will be hosting the next AIDS Walk in Tempe on February 23, 2019. The Commission asked if there was anything they could do to help. Glen responded that the Commission can inform people of the event and even create an

AIDS Walk team and participate. The Commission then thanked Glen Spencer for his presentation.

Agenda Item 4 – Board and Commission Annual Report (Motion Required)

Ginny Belousek handed out the draft of the report for final review by the Commission. The Commission discussed the report and decided to add the goal of exploring an Ambassador Program. The Commission also discussed inviting a member of MYAC to an upcoming meeting to discuss the Ambassador Program.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers to accept the Board and Commission Annual Report with amendments; second by Commissioner Powers. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Ayes: Vice-Chair Dino Castelli and Commissioners B.J. Ayers, Beth Dietz, Amanda Lee Faustini, Rochelle Johns, Ira King, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas

Nays: None

Absent: Chair Carl Hermanns and Commissioners Stefanie Garcia and David Kader

Agenda Item 5 – Diversity Office Update

Ginny Belousek updated the Commission on the upcoming MLK Diversity Awards. The event will take place on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Marriott Resort Tempe at The Buttes. She then informed the Commission that Roy Tatum, East Valley NAACP President, has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Ginny also let the Commission know that the deadline for MLK award nominations is December 5, 2018.

Ginny reported that the recent Challenge Day sessions were a success. Three schools participated this year; Mt. Pointe High School, Marcos de Niza High School, and Gililand Middle School.

Ginny informed the Commission that she will be inviting a Tempe Zoning staff member to the December meeting per the Commission's earlier request to follow up on Southwest Key discussion from the Commission's October meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Meeting December 11, 2018

Motion made by Commissioner King to adjourn the meeting

Second by Commissioner Powers

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek