

Minutes Human Relations Commission February 12, 2019

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Carl Hermanns, Chair
Dino Castelli, Vice-Chair
B. J. Ayers
Rochelle Johns
David Kader
Ira King, Jr.
Joe Rojas
Hugo Tapia
Kate Vawter

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Beth Dietz
Jeanne Powers

City Staff Present:

Ginny Belousek, Diversity Manager
Megan Hutchison, Diversity Executive Assistant
Angel Carbajal, Assistant Police Chief

Call to Order

Chair Hermanns called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Jessica Brice
Eliana Morrison

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – December 11, 2018 Minutes (Motion Required)

Motion by Vice-Chair Dino Castelli to approve the meeting minutes of December 11, 2018 with amendment; second by Commissioner Kader. Motion passed on an 9-0 vote.

Ayes: Chair Carl Hermanns, Vice-Chair Dino Castelli, and Commissioners BJ Ayers, Rochelle Johns, David Kader, Ira King, Joe Rojas, Hugo Tapia, and Kate Vawter

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Beth Dietz and Jeanne Powers

Agenda Item 3 – New Commissioners

Chair Hermanns welcomed Hugo Tapia and Kate Vawter to the Commission and invited them to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 4 – Police Updates

Chair Hermanns welcomed Assistant Police Chief Angel Carbajal to the meeting. Assistant Chief Carbajal thanked the Commission for the invitation. He then distributed information

regarding Investigative and Administrative Process for Officer Involved Shootings. The Commission and Assistant Chief Carbajal read through and discussed the handout. The Commission then inquired if there was anything they could do to help the public better understand the process. Assistant Chief Carbajal recommended the Commission help with community connections. If the Commission is aware of any opportunity to connect with the community the Tempe Police department would appreciate an invitation.

The Commission thanked Assistant Chief Angel Carbajal.

Agenda Item 5 – Voter Rights Restoration

Commissioner Ayers reported to the Commission on her research into Voter Rights Restoration. She recently attended one of the Maricopa County Restoration of Rights event. She has also been in contact with the event administrator and recommends the Commission host an event which would offer individuals one on one assistance with forms and processes. Ginny Belousek informed the Commission that she had also been in contact with the Maricopa County Event administrator, Sharon Neill. She then handed out a flyer for an upcoming Restoration of Rights event on April 10, 2019 in Phoenix and requested the HRC attend the event to observe. The Commission discussed and decided to move forward with looking further into hosting an event.

Agenda Item 6 – Diversity Office Update

In response to the Commission request to create subcommittees, Ginny Belousek provided the Commission a memo from City Manager, Andrew Ching, regarding Tempe City Code, Boards and Commissions, Powers and Duties. The Commission reviewed the section regarding the creation of subcommittees and decided there was no need for one at this time.

Ginny then updated the Commission on the upcoming Challenge Day events. McClintock High School, Compadre High School, and Gililand Middle School will be participating this year. They will again be held in October with the exact dates pending.

Ginny gave an update to the Commission on the Unity Grants. The reports have been completed and the schools will be invited to an upcoming Commission meeting to present. The applications for the next cycle of grants is due May 3, 2019. Ginny then requested a volunteer from the Commission to review the applications to assign funding. She will need to have a volunteer by the next HRC meeting in March.

Ginny informed the Commission of the upcoming Regional HRC Meeting. Scottsdale will be hosting the meeting at their Museum and the date is still tentative. Ginny will let the Commission know when a date has been finalized.

Agenda Item 7 – Upcoming Meeting March 12, 2019

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Castelli to adjourn the meeting
Second by Commissioner Vawter
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek