

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

April 13, 2021

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m., virtually through Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: +1 480-498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 936 327 717#

(MEMBERS) Present:

Beth Dietz
Melissa Farling
Jana Lynn Granillo
Michelle Donati-Grayman
Rabbanni Furqaan
William Ortega
Jeanne Powers
Joe Rojas
Peggie Simmons (Arrived late)
Hugo Tapia
Kate Vawter

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

Jonae Harrison, Equity & Inclusion Manager
Megan Hutchison, Executive Assistant to the City Manager's Office

Call to Order

Chair Vawter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – March 9, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Granillo to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2021; Second by Vice Chair Tapia. Motion passed on a 10-1-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Melissa Farling, Michele Donati-Grayman, Rabbanni Furqaan, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas. Abstained: Commissioner Jana Lynn Granillo. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Peggie Simmons

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion: SRO and Care 7 Presentation Next Steps

Chair Vawter reminded the Commission that they did not have enough time to discuss the two presentations from the March HRC meeting regarding SRO and Care 7. She then opened the floor to discussion. The Commission discussed and decided they would like to look into hosting a community forum around Youth and Public Safety. They would also like to create a survey to help them better understand the issues people are currently experiencing with Youth and Public Safety. Chair Vawter requested that each Commissioner come to the May meeting with ideas on hosting a community forum and any questions they would like to see on the survey. She also requested that any data requested be emailed directly to Jonae Harrison for compiling. Jonae also let the Commission know that she will provide an update to the Commission on the possibility of HRC partnering with the Mayor's Public Safety Advisory Task Force (PSATF).

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: Unity Walk 2022

Jonae Harrison let the Commission know that she had recently met with all of the cities involved in the 2021 Unity Walk to debrief on success and discuss any changes that should be made for the next event. It was decided that the cities would choose between five options: 1. Unity Art walk with featured performance/live exhibit at each city (ie. parade, MLK) cross promoted 2. Back to Unity Walk at Tempe or with a Rotating location 3. Unity Art Walk with expanded art options 4. Hybrid – festival walk plus art 5. Each city doing their own thing and sharing through technology. Jonae informed the Commission that they did not have to choose one of the five options and could come up with their own options for the cities to decide upon. The Commission discussed and decided they would come to the May meeting prepared to make a decision on how the Unity Walk 2022 event should be done.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Municipal Equality Index

Jonae Harrison let the Commission know that Tempe had received a total score of 109 out of 100 for 2020. The city received 9 out of the 22 available bonus points. She then let the Commission know that a Tempe resident had recently reached out to Mayor Woods about the City earning more bonus points. She then asked the Commission if this was something they would be interested in pursuing. The Commission discussed and decided they would need additional information and they would table this topic for now.

Agenda Item 6 – Update: Dolores Huerta Scholarship Recipient

Commissioner Donati-Grayman let the Commission know that the committee had met and chose Maya Steinberg as the first Dolores Huerta Scholarship winner. The virtual awards ceremony is on Saturday, April 17.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

Chair Vawter reiterated items that should be added to the May Commission meeting as discussed earlier in the meeting. Items are: Revisit Youth and Public Safety discussion and Unity Walk Decision. Commissioner Granillo requested that two items be added to the future agenda as well: Discuss changing the day and time that the HRC currently meets and Mary Ann Corder Neighborhood Grant. Chair Vawter let the Commission know that if they have any additional items they would like added to future agendas, they should contact Jonae Harrison or Megan Hutchison.

Agenda Item 8 – Upcoming Meeting May 11, 2021

Meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams

Motion made by Vice Chair Tapia to adjourn the meeting

Second by Commissioner Powers

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Jonae Harrison