

# Minutes

## Human Relations Commission

### May 11, 2021

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 11, 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:**

Melissa Farling  
Michelle Donati-Grayman  
Rabbanni Furqaan  
William Ortega  
Jeanne Powers  
Joe Rojas  
Hugo Tapia  
Kate Vawter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Beth Dietz  
Jana Lynn Granillo  
Peggie Simmons

**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 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – April 13, 2021**

Motion made by Commissioner Powers to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2021; Second by Commissioner Donati-Grayman. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Michelle Donati-Grayman, Melissa Farling, Rabbanni Furqaan, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz, Jana Lynn Granillo, and Peggie Simmons.

**Agenda Item 3 – Discussion: Youth and Public Safety**

Chair Vawter let the Commission know that Jonae Harrison had an update regarding the Public Safety Advisory Task Force (PSATF). Jonae informed the Commission that they are welcome to collaborate with the task force as soon as they start their implementation process. Jonae will let the Commission know when that process begins.

**Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: Mary Ann Corder Neighborhood Grant**

Tabled for future meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Discussion: Unity Walk 2022**

Jonae Harrison reminded the Commission that at the last meeting they discussed what direction the Commission wanted to go with the upcoming Unity Walk and a decision would need to be made at this meeting. The Commission discussed the five options and decided to move back to the traditional model. Commissioner Donati-Grayman made a motion to continue the Unity Walk as a walk. Second by Commissioner Rojas. Motion passed on an 8-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and

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Commissioners Michelle Donati-Grayman, Melissa Farling, Rabbanni Furqaan, William Ortega, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Beth Dietz, Jana Lynn Granillo, and Peggie Simmons.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update: Regular Commission Meeting Dates and Time**

Chair Vawter reminded the Commission that the topic of changing the day and time of meetings was brought up at the April meeting. The Commission discussed and decided the meeting day and time would remain the same. The Commission then discussed the history of where they meet, starting at City Hall and most recently moving to the Library for easier public access. They would like to continue to offer a virtual platform after the meetings go back to being in person. Jonae Harrison will research the technology available at the Library and will report back to the Commission. As far as when the Commission would return to in person meetings, they decided they would follow the lead from the Mayor and Council. They also decided to add this topic to the next agenda for further discussion.

**Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Future Agenda Items**

Chair Vawter opened the floor to the Commission to consider any items they would like to have added to future agendas. The Commission discussed and it was decided to add the following items to future agendas: In person meeting timeline in June, Invite Transportation staff in August, Invite Human Services staff to discuss Homelessness in September, Reporting Template in June, Invite Government Relations to discuss Educational Bills in June, Invite Save Our Schools (SOS) to June meeting, and discuss Equity in Action in October. 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 June 8, 2021**

Meeting will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams

**Motion made by Commission Ortega to adjourn the meeting**

**Second by Vice Chair Tapia**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

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Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

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Reviewed by: Jonae Harrison