

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

November 9, 2021

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, November 9, 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
Michelle Donati-Grayman
Melissa Farling
Rabbanni Furqaan
Jana Lynn Granillo
William Ortega
Jeanne Powers
Joe Rojas
Hugo Tapia
Kate Vawter

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Peggie Simmons

City Staff Present:

Jonae Harrison, Equity & Inclusion Manager

Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – October 12, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Donati-Grayman to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2021; Second by Vice Chair Tapia. Motion passed on an 10-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Michelle Donati-Grayman, Rabbanni Furqaan, Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Jeanne Powers, Joe Rojas, and William Ortega. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Peggie Simmons.

Agenda Item 3 – Neighborhood Watch Signage

Commissioner Donati-Grayman provided information on the Neighborhood Watch Program, please see attached. The Commission discussed and made the decision to craft a memo to Mayor and Council recommending the signs be updated to be more inclusive. Commissioner Donati-Grayman will create a draft memo and bring it to the December meeting for review and approval.

Agenda Item 4 – MLK Diversity Awards 2022

Jonae Harrison provided an update to the Commission. The event will be done again as a hybrid and will now include interactive elements. The Commission, Mayor and Council, City Manager's Office, Keynote Speaker, and the winners would physically be present during the awards ceremony and would be provided breakfast. She requested the Commission assist her in picking a keynote speaker. The Commission discussed and agreed to vote on the following individuals: Colleen Jennings-Roggensack (ASU), Bill Norwood (pilot), Sian Proctor (astronaut), and Karen Hardin (MCC, NAACP).

The Commission proceeded to rank the four candidates in order of preference, 1 - 4:

Candidate	Comm. Furquaan	Comm. Farling	Comm. Donati-Grayman	Comm. Powers	Comm. Granillo	Comm. Dietz	Comm. Rojas	Comm. Ortega	Vice Chair Tapia	Chair Vawter	TOTAL
Colleen Jennings-Roggensack	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	23
Bill Norwood	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	39
Sian Proctor	3	1	4	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	25
Karen Hardin	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13

Based on the rankings: Karen Hardin is choice number 1, Colleen Jennings-Roggensack is choice number 2, Sian Proctor is choice number 3, and Bill Norwood is choice number 4.

During the meeting Jonae Harrison reached out to Sian Proctor regarding her fee and availability. The Commission decided to give her until Tuesday, November 16, 2021 to respond and then a request would be made to their first choice, Karen Hardin.

The Commission discussed the fee for Sian Proctor and setting a limitation on what they would be willing to pay since she offered a range. Commissioner Donati-Grayman moved to have the maximum speaker budget of \$5,000 for the MLK Breakfast in 2022; Second by Vice Chair Tapia. Motion passed on a 9-1 vote. Ayes: Chair Vawter, Vice Chair Tapia, and Commissioners Beth Dietz, Michelle Donati-Grayman, Rabbanni Furqaan, Melissa Farling, Jana Lynn Granillo, Jeanne Powers, and Joe Rojas. Nays: Commissioner William Ortega. Absent: Commissioner Peggie Simmons.

Agenda Item 5 – HRC Regional Meeting and Regional Unity Walk Committee

Jonae Harrison updated the Commission on the format of the upcoming regional meeting and what to expect. The meeting will be January 27, 2022, 6 – 7 p.m.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

Chair Vawter reiterated items that should be added to the December Commission meeting as discussed earlier in the meeting. Items are: Review Neighborhood Watch Memo and Homeless Outreach presentation. 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 7 – Upcoming Meeting December 14, 2021

Meeting will be hybrid, virtually through Microsoft Teams & in-person at the Tempe Public Library Board Room.

**Motion made by Commissioner Donati-Grayman to adjourn the meeting
Second by Commissioner Ortega
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Prepared by: Megan Hutchison

Reviewed by: Jonae Harrison