

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING – February 6, 2019



Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 pm by Chair King

Roll Call: Present –

- **Commissioners:** Vice Chair Coleman, Commissioner Futrell, Commissioner Hempstead, Chair King, Commissioner Piner, and Commissioner Rodriguez
- **Executive Director:** Dr. Barbara Shannon-Banister
- **Guests:** Margee Cannon – Liaison Coordinator, Scott Campbell – Neighborhood Liaison, Amy Wiles – HRC Applicant, Adam Fung – HRC Applicant, and Kimberly Rivera – HRC Applicant
- **Absent:** Commissioner Gilford and Advisor Henrion

Presentation: Margee Cannon & Scott Campbell – Neighborhood Liaisons

Minutes: Commissioner Piner moved the January 2nd minutes be approved. Commissioner Futrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Invited to Speak: Amy Wiles, Adam Fung, and Kimberly Rivera, HRC applicants, introduced themselves to the group.

Chair Report:

- Events attended: MLK Jr. Commemoration Kick-off Event and MLK Jr. Humanitarian Awards Ceremony.
- There are various issues going on in the city. How civically involved does the HRC want to go in terms of taking a social stance or letters of support?
 - Issues:
 - There's a commission exploring the PD and FD application process that currently eliminates people that are non-native born from being able to apply. They are going to change their statute to allow for them to apply.
 - It's an election year. This presents the potential of getting more politically engaged or maybe hold a debate for candidates.
- Commissioners are encouraged to attend the monthly AKCRT meeting.
 - Vice Chair Coleman shared details on the January/February meetings with the commission.
- Events to be aware of:
 - State of the Base on the 13th at the Double Tree
 - Ward II Town Hall on the 13th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Chair King would like to revisit why, how, and what for the HRC next month.
- Look at onboarding process with 4 prospective commissioners to be added.
- Vice Chair Coleman moved that the report be accepted and Commissioner Piner seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report:

- Dr. Banister read the proclamation for Black History Month to the group.
- The MLK Jr. Commemoration program was distributed to the group.
- Dr. Banister suggested that commissioners rotate and attend the City Council meetings, introduce themselves as a representative of the HRC, and share information of what the HRC is working on.
- Race Forum planning is starting. There will be Race Forums in April, July, and October.
 - The next topic is disparity in healthcare.
- Commissioner Piner moved that the report be accepted and Commissioner Coleman seconded. Motion passed.

Henrion's Nuggets: Henrion's Nuggets were distributed to the group.

- **Events/Forums:** Commissioner Hempstead suggested that commissioners should attend some of the Black History Month events.
 - Chair King encouraged the group to see the production "Hooded, or Being Black for Dummies"
- **Training:** Commissioner Futrell has a project plan and will e-mail it to commissioners by Friday.
- **Outreach/Partnership:** Commissioners Coleman shared that Meg will be contacted and will meet next week.
 - Commissioner Piner will attend the Ward I meeting.
- **Communications:** Commissioner Rodriguez will contact Chair King to finalize the HRC brochure.

Group Discussion:

- Chair King encourages commissioners to get in contact with their Council Member.
- Commissioner Futrell asked if there is anything that the HRC can do to help with Aurora Warms the Nights.
- The group would like Shelly McKittrick to present at the March HRC meeting.
- The group wants to revisit the possibility of having a Google doc for the HRC.

Talking Points:

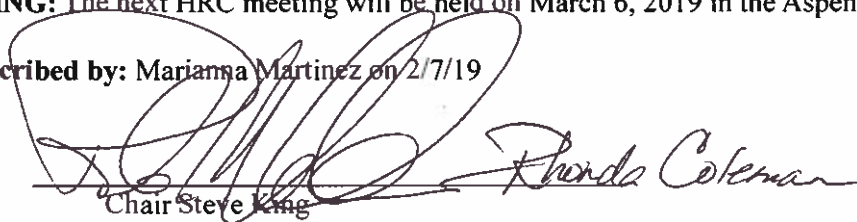
- Is there an individual or organization that the HRC should invite to present at the monthly meeting?
- What are Council Members areas of interest and what topics are constituents concerned about?

Meeting Adjourned: 7:29 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next HRC meeting will be held on March 6, 2019 in the Aspen Room at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Transcribed by: Marianna Martinez on 2/7/19

APPROVED:



Chair Steve King Rhonda Coleman