



Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair King

Location: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Aspen Room

Roll Call:

Voting Members: Commissioners Fung, Futrell, Gilford, Hempstead, Herlihy, King, Piner, Rivera, Rodriguez, Wiles.

Nonvoting Members: Ehizuelen

Absent: None

City Liaison: Claudine McDonald, Community Relations Manager

City of Aurora Staff: Meg Allen – Neighborhood Liaison, Joshua Nicholas – Administrative Specialist

Guests: None

Minutes: Commissioner Gilford moved to approve the June 5, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Piner seconded the motion. Minutes approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: None.

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Items & Responsible Person
Chair report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair King presented at the Public Relations, Communications, Tourism, Libraries, Boards and Commissions and Citizen Groups committee and was asked by Councilmember Richardson to work alongside the Aurora Police Department on a hate crimes presentation.Commissioner Coleman resigned her position as Vice Chair.Chair King discussed strategic planning and goal setting in an effort to increase collaboration among commissions and to become a trusted resource for the city and residents.Chair King requested that informational flyers shared by the Community Relations Division be sent via email to all commissioners.	<p>- Claudine to research/coordinate.</p> <p>- Joshua to send flyers via email.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair King moved that his report be accepted. Commissioner Piner seconded the motion. Report approved without objection. 	
Manager's report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race Forum has changed its name to ReACT – Responding to Aurora's Critical Topics. The committee is working to coordinate the Aurora Health Jam that will focus on overall health – head to toe, inside and out. Date: Oct. 26th. Commissioner Futrell expressed interest in reaching out to Gerald Brewer to discuss mental health. Aurora Complete Count committee has begun its work in preparation of the 2020 Census. Commissioners Gilford and Rivera interested in joining committee. Commissioner Piner asked for a Complete Count presentation at an upcoming HRC meeting. Ward meeting sign-up sheet – Commissioners were presented with a listing of all Ward meetings through the end of the year and were asked to sign up for meetings they can to attend. Meeting list to be shared with Commissioners via email when the Sept. agenda is emailed to commissioners. <i>How to be a Good Neighbor</i> initiative: Meg Allen will take the lead on this initiative and will work alongside commissioners for input and support. Meg provided informational packets for commissioners and discussed 52 Weeks of Neighboring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua to connect Commissioner Futrell to Gerald via email. - Claudine to refer Gilford and Rivera to Complete Count; Joshua to coordinate possible presentation. - Joshua to email ward meeting listing to commissioners.
Henrion's Nuggets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Hospital settlement for \$74,000 for violating religious beliefs. Value Village settlement for \$45,000 in lost wages for failing to provide reasonable accommodations for an employee. 	
Committee Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events/Forums: Commissioners Hempstead and Fung have created an art competition that will take place during Black History Month. Competition is open to high school seniors with scholarships going to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Event will be Feb. 23rd – 28th with an awards ceremony at the Dava Center on 2/28. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Hempstead requested \$1,000 from HRC to support scholarships. Chair King made a motion to earmark \$1,500 in HRC funds to support scholarships, Commissioner Fung seconded. Motion passed with no objections. Training: Commissioner Futrell made new connections at Aurora Youth Expo. Expressed interested in working on Hate Crimes initiative. Outreach/partnership: Commissioner Piner attended AYE and provided feedback about the event and engaged with Meg Allen regarding the How to be a Good Neighbor initiative. Communications: Commissioner Rodriguez is waiting for a meeting with Michael Bryant to discuss options for updating HRC collateral. Proclamation: Claudine presented the idea of HRC taking on proclamations for various holidays, events, and commemorations at the last meeting which was approved and passed by the Commission. Commissioner Herlihy agreed to lead that Committee. Commissioner Herlihy asked for a list of proclamations to review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudine to check if documentation (memorandum of understanding with Dava Center, tax paperwork for scholarships, etc.) will be required for any part of event. - Joshua to set up meeting with Michael and Claudine to discuss first steps. - Joshua to send list of proclamations to Commissioner Herlihy for review.

	Commissioner Futrell asked for a proclamation calling for unity after recent mass shootings in Texas and Ohio.	
Items of Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citywide Tour: Is scheduled for Sat, Sept. 21. Details and event invitation to be emailed to Commissioners. • Pending HRC applications: Chair King to coordinate interviews, Commissioners Piner and Rivera to participate in interviews. Three applications were provided to Chair King for review. • Sponsorship for African Chamber of Commerce: Chair King called for an informative vote to determine if there was interest among the group in providing financial support to the African Chamber of Commerce. Yeas – 2, Nays 7. No further discussion or votes on the topic as a result of the majority nay vote. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua to send event information via email. - Chair King to set up interviews with applicants and notify commissioners of dates/times. - Joshua to draft declination letter to African Chamber of Commerce.
Commissioner City Council Contact Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Fung contacted Councilmember Lawson and spoke about housing ejections related to a tenant’s criminal history. Questions arose regarding what resources are available for individuals in this position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudine will reach out to Shelley McKittrick to ask for resources related to Source of Income Discrimination.
Talking Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Commissioner Coleman’s resignation, discussion took place regarding nominating a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Piner made a motion to hold an election for a new Vice Chair which was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. One nomination was received to elect Commissioner Fung as the new Vice Chair of HRC. Yeas – 8, Nays – 0. With no opposition, Commissioner Fung is seated as new Vice Chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua to order new business cards for VC Fung and others in need of new/updated business cards.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting: The next HRC meeting will be held on September 4, 2019 in the Aspen Room at 6 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by: Joshua Nicholas on 8/14/2019 at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED:  _____
Chair Steve King