



**Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair King

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

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Fung, Futrell, Hempstead, King, Piner, Rivera, Rodriguez, Wiles

Absent: Commissioner Gilford, Herlihy

City Liaison: Claudine McDonald, Community Relations Manager - excused

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

Guests: Joe Whitfield, Assistant District Attorney, 18th Judicial District

Minutes: Commissioner Piner moved to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Wiles seconded the motion. Minutes approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: None.

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Items & Responsible Person
Guest Speaker: Joe Whitfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Whitfield presented information related to race motivated crimes and answered questions from Commissioners. 	- N/A
Chair Report: Chair King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair King attended Global Fest 2019 and reported that the event was well attended. Chair King is working with Community Relations staff (Claudine and Joshua) on strategic planning and new commissioner onboarding. Chair King shared that his onboarding to the commission was minimal and as such, he wants to provide a better experience for new commissioners moving forward. Chair King is interested in organizing a social outing for commissioners and will send a Doodle poll to determine the best course of action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudine and Joshua to meet and discuss next steps for strategic planning and new commissioner onboarding. - Chair King to send Doodle poll to Commissioners.
Staff Report: Joshua Nicholas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared community events with commissioners and encouraged their attendance if schedules allow. Provided various Commissioners with HRC branded polo shirts and business cards to help with community outreach. Commissioners Piner and Rodriguez requested business cards and polo shirts. 	- Joshua will send Commissioner Piner and Rodrigues a follow-up email re: polo shirt size and business card info.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared a “Know Your Rights” handout regarding immigration raids. Commissioners inquired about upcoming Know Your Rights classes and requested an electronic version of the handout be sent to the group. • Commissioner Wiles agreed to join the proclamations subcommittee and assist Commissioner Herlihy in submitting applicable proclamations to the Mayor’s office for consideration. • HRC Commissioners would like to receive a copy of the AKCRT Community e-Bulletin to stay informed of community events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua to research Know Your Rights workshops and send an electronic copy of handout to Commissioners. - Joshua to send email to Commissioner Herlihy re: Commissioner Wiles joining the proclamation subcommittee. - Joshua will add HRC commissioners to AKCRT e-bulletin distribution list.
<p>Henrion’s Nuggets:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report due to guest speaker presenting topics of law and discrimination. 	
<p>Committee Report:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events/Forums: Commissioners Fung and Hempstead continue to plan and coordinate the Black History art competition. A total of 12 high schools will be participating – 8 Aurora Public Schools and 4 Cherry Creek schools. 5 pieces of art from each school will make it to the final art show scheduled for 2/28 for a total of 60 pieces of art on display. Commissioners provided suggestions and ideas of companies who might supply prizes for the art competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Hempstead made a motion to have a tiered certificate system to provide all participants with a participation certificate and the top 10 art winners with an additional certificate recognizing their art competition placement. Commissioner Piner seconded. Yeas – 6, Nays – 2. The motion passed as presented. • Training: Commissioner Futrell has reached out to Chair Brewer of ReACT regarding the upcoming Aurora Health Jam and is waiting to hear back for additional details. • Outreach/Partnership: Commissioner Piner has reached out to Commissioner Ehizuelen and the two will soon meet to begin discussions on the topic of outreach and partnership. • Communications: Joshua shared that he and Claudine had a meeting with Michael Bryant to discuss HRC outreach material and marketing items; once items have been produced they will be shared with the commission for feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner Hempstead will create a tiered certificate system for art competition participants. - Joshua will see Chair Brewer on 9/5/19 and will remind him that Commissioner Futrell is trying to connect with him. - Commissioners Piner and Ehizuelen will report back to the commission with the results of their meeting.



<p>Committee Report: (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclamations: No report. Joshua updated the commission that a proclamation request for National Hispanic Heritage Month has been sent to the Mayor's Office for consideration and is slated to be presented Sept. 23rd during the City Council meeting. Joshua also asked for support from the commission regarding proclamations for Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah. Commissioner Piner advised she has a contact who might be able to assist and offered to send an email to virtually introduce Joshua and Jess. 	
<p>Items of Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Ehizuelen: Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Chair King's appointment of Commissioner Ehizuelen to a vacant, voting member position which was most recently held by Commissioner Coleman who resigned in July. Discussion followed regarding term dates and number of voting members allowed on the commission. Chair King asked for follow-up from CRD staff. • Pending HRC applications: Chair King suggested the commission table discussion on this topic until CRD staff reviews bylaws and minutes to determine how many open seats are available on the commission and if any of the vacant seats will be for voting members. Commissioners agreed and this topic was tabled for further discussion pending additional research. 	<p>- Joshua to send Commissioner Ehizuelen a HRC master roster and schedule a meeting with Claudine.</p> <p>- Joshua to email Chair King a summary of term dates, open positions, and an update on HRC applications currently in the queue.</p>
<p>Commissioner City Council Reports:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Rivera attended a recent 2020 Census meeting and suggested that a presentation be made at an upcoming HRC meeting regarding the 2020 Census. Chair King shared that an upcoming presentation is currently being coordinated. • Commissioner Fung shared that calling City Council members once often times is not enough and encouraged other commissioners to call, email, and call again to set up meetings with their Council members. 	<p>- Joshua to work with Census 2020 work group to confirm upcoming presentation.</p>

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting: The next HRC meeting will be held on October 2, 2019 in the Aspen Room at 6 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by: Joshua Nicholas on 9/5/2019 at 3 p.m.

APPROVED:


 Vice Chair Fung