



### Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes October 2, 2019

**Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Fung**

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

**Roll Call:**

- **Present:** Vice Chair Fung, Commissioners Futrell, Hempstead, Herlihy, Piner, Wiles
- **Absent:** Chair King, Commissioners Ehizuelen, Gilford, Rivera, Rodriguez

**City Liaison:** Claudine McDonald, Manager, Community Relations

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

**Guests:** Lee Ann Morning, U.S. Census 2020

**Minutes:** Commissioner Piner moved to approve the Sept. 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Futrell seconded the motion. Minutes approved without objection.

**Public Invited to Speak:** None.

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Items & Responsible Person
Guest Speaker: Lee Ann Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Morning provided an overview of Census 2020 outreach efforts, employment opportunities, and answered commissioner questions.</li> </ul>	- N/A
Chair Report: Vice Chair Fung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the importance of elections and encouraged other commissioners to learn more about candidates as Election Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>, quickly approaches.</li> <li>• Recently attended a community discussion hosted by the Denver Post which focused on issues impacting the community. Recommended other commissioners attend.</li> <li>• Visited Crawford Elementary and spent time visiting with students and educators.</li> <li>• Presented and read an extended leave request to the commission as he will soon be leaving for National Guard service. Commissioner Hempstead moved to accept VC Fung's request, seconded by Commissioner Piner.</li> </ul>	- Chair King will bring VC Fung's request before the commission for approval when 2/3 of commissioners are present to vote on the issue.
Staff Report: Claudine McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared community events with commissioners and encouraged their attendance if schedules allow.</li> <li>• Provided commissioners with an overview of the public invited to speak requirement associated with HRC meetings.</li> <li>• Advised that Commissioners Gilford &amp; King have met with Community Relations staff to: (1) begin planning for an end-of-year retreat and (2) develop a strategic plan.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led a discussion with commissioners about adding two new sections to the agenda: (1) talking points and (2) topics in the news</li> </ul>	
Henrion's Nuggets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided an update on the recent Harvard Law School admissions case and shared a high-level overview of the 140 page opinion.</li> </ul>	
Committee Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Events/Forums:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Hempstead continues to work on the upcoming art competition. Meetings with area businesses have provided for some donations and work to secure more donations continues.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Training:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Futrell is working with ReACT to help plan the first annual Aurora Health Jam. Suggested the HRC look into sponsoring a "Know Your Rights" workshop to help educate community members about police/ICE interactions.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Outreach/Partnership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Piner met with Commissioner Ehizuelen &amp; Meg to discuss ideas – additional information to come.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Communications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Proclamations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed submitting a National Native American Heritage Month proclamation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>- Commissioner Hempstead to continue securing donations for art competition event.</p> <p>- Commissioner Futrell will share insights about Health Jam with commissions at November HRC meeting.</p> <p>- Commissioners Piner &amp; Ehizuelen to continue working on outreach//partnership.</p> <p>- Joshua will work with Commissioners Herlihy &amp; Wiles to submit November proclamation requests.</p>
Items of Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Topics in the News:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed recent HRC inquiry by community member, of which, Claudine is following up with appropriate city personnel.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Talking Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why census participation is important, Census 2020 is hiring.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Commissioner City Council Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Futrell attended a Ward 5 meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Bob Roth. Spoke with Mr. Roth about hate crimes bias and long-term care for seniors.</li> <li>Commissioner Piner attended a Ward 1 meeting where main topics of discussion were transportation, schools, and housing.</li> </ul>	



**Meeting Adjournment:** Commissioner Piner moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hempstead.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

**Minutes transcribed by:** Joshua Nicholas on 10/31/2019 at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair King