



**Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:17 p.m.

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

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Commissioners Futrell, Gilford, Herlihy, Piner, Rivera, and Rodriguez
- **Absent:** Commissioners Fung (excused), Ehizuelen, King, Wiles

Quorum: Yes

City of Aurora Staff: Claudine McDonald, Manager, Community Relations and Joshua Nicholas, Administrative Specialist, Community Relations

Minutes: Commissioner Herlihy moved to approve the Dec. 4, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Futrell seconded the motion. Minutes approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: None

Guest/Presenter: Sam Anderson, Education and Outreach Mgr. Colorado Civil Rights Division

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Items & Responsible Person
Chair Report: Chair Gilford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Commissioner Piner to review HRC retreat feedback and establish committee suggestions for the commission’s review and approval. • Branding will be a focus of the commission for 2020 in an effort to raise awareness about HRC with elected officials, city staff, and members of the community. 	
Staff Report: Claudine McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Community Relations updates to include: MLK Commemoration schedule of events, Anti-Defamation League diversity and inclusion calendar, One Place Project call for vendors, and community meetings with NAACP and City of Aurora. 	
Henrion’s Nuggets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report due to presentation from Sam Anderson, Education and Outreach Mgr. Colorado Civil Rights Division. 	
Committee Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events/Forums: Commissioners discussed art contest event scheduled for late February 2020 with Commissioner Herlihy agreeing to reach out to former Commissioner Hempstead for updates. • Training: no updates. • Outreach/Partnership: no updates. • Communications: no updates. • Proclamations: no updates. 	<p>- Commissioner Herlihy to work with former Commissioner Hempstead to confirm art contest details and offer support.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New HRC Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Administrative & Legislative Action:</u> Commissioners Gilford and King 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Reporting & Data</u>: Commissioners Herlihy, Wiles, Rivera ○ <u>Outreach & Education</u>: Commissioners Piner, Ehizuelen ○ <u>Partnerships & Events</u>: Commissioners Futrell, Rivera, and Rodriguez ○ <u>Executive Committee</u>: Commissioners Gilford, Rivera, and Piner. <p>Commissioner Piner moved to approve the creation of new HRC committees which was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. All commissioners voted in favor of new commission committees and the motion was passed without objection.</p> <p>Reappointment of Commissioner Piner: Commissioner Piner’s term of service expired 12/31/2019, however, her application for reappointment was submitted prior to her term of service expiring. Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve Commission Piner’s reappointment, Commissioner Rivera seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously without objection.</p> <p>Appointment of new Commissioners: two new HRC commissioners are scheduled to be sworn in on Monday, March 2, 2020, 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers.</p>	<p>- Joshua to send Commissioner Piner’s reappointment information to City Clerk’s office.</p>
<p>Items of Discussion:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topics in the News: discussed ongoing unrest in the community and how the HRC can partner with various organizations to help rebuilt trust within the city. ● Talking Points: reviewed City Council & Ward Meeting calendars and encouraged HRC commissioners to attend meetings as their schedules allow. 	
<p>Commissioner City Council Reports:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioners would like to begin meeting with City Council on a quarterly basis as outlined in HRC bylaws, article II, para. A. 	<p>- Joshua to work with Susan Barkman in City Council office to determine best course of action to connect HRC with Council for quarterly meetings.</p>

Meeting Adjournment: Commissioner Futrell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Piner. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Upcoming HRC meetings: February 5, March 4, April 1 - 6 p.m., in the Aspen Room of the Aurora Municipal Center.



Minutes transcribed by: Joshua Nicholas on 1/23/2019 at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED: Lauren Piner

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Date: 2/15/20

