



Human Relations Commission
Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 6:15 P.M.
Mayor and Council Conference Room, 1st Floor
255 W. Alameda Tucson, Arizona



Minutes

Approved on March 13, 2019

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dalton at 6:22 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

William Hibbs	Mayor
Angelica Hibbs	Ward 2
John Dalton, Chair	Ward 3
Rev. Raven Gaston	Ward 4
Dr. June Webb-Vignery	Ward 5
Devon James Henderson	Advisory Member

Absent:

Manuel Guzman, Vice Chair	Ward 1
Maddy Urken	Ward 6
Jean Steve Mfuranizima	Advisory Member
Tamara Statman	Advisory Member

Staff Members Present:

Cindy Leyba, Secretary	City Clerk's Office
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Guests Present:

Kattia Cardoza, Consulado General de El Salvador

2. Approval of Summary Minutes: January 9, 2019

Note: Item taken out of order, considered after item 12.

3. Call to the Audience

None

4. Presentation by the Honorable German Banacek Alvarez Oviedo, Consulate General of the Republic of El Salvador

Kattia Cardoza, representative of the Consulate of the Republic of El Salvador, gave a presentation on the Consulate's role regarding immigration matters and how they work with government agencies to assist El Salvadoran nationals in the United States and Mexico.

Ms. Cardoza relayed a request from the Consul General, German Alvarez Oviedo, expressing a desire to work with the Human Relations Commission on an upcoming art exposition in April with El Salvadoran artist, Nestor Serrano Pacas. They are seeking assistance in finding a location for the art exhibit.

5. Human Relations Commission Written Statement/Testimony on Immigrant Family Separation to the United States Commission on Civil Rights

Chair John Dalton stated the United States Commission on Civil Rights cancelled their recently scheduled meeting. Verification will be sought to see if the commission is allowed to make a written statement/testimony in response to the Commission.

6. Sanctuary City Status

Chair John Dalton advised there would be no discussion on this item due to a conflict with the current initiative petition being circulated.

7. Discussion Regarding Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues

Commissioner William Hibbs provided an update on the Commission and stated they were attempting to schedule a meeting in March. Discussion was held and Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery relayed a suggestion by her appointer that HRC Commission members should urge their appointers to fill any vacancies in the GLBT Commission. This would hopefully allow the GLBT to overcome the inability to meet quorum they have been experiencing.

8. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

a. Rosa Parks & Ray Davies Scholarship Funds

No report given.

b. Strategic Planning

Subcommittee Legal Action Report from the December 17, 2018, subcommittee meeting was handed out. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

c. Diversity Report

No report given.

d. Human Rights Standards in Procurement

No report given.

9. Subcommittee Restructuring and Creation

Discussion was held regarding the potential creation of a GLBT subcommittee and restructuring of the current subcommittees. Commissioner William Hibbs suggested the Commission wait to see if GLBT is able to have their meeting in March as planned before they move on this.

10. Special Recognition Requests

Chair John Dalton brought a copy of the recently awarded certificate to Tucson Medical Center, TMC Women's and Children's center.

Discussion was held and the Consulate of El Salvador was nominated for a special recognition certificate.

It was moved by Commissioner Angelica Hibbs, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Manuel Guzman and Maddy Urken absent), to award the Consulate of El Salvador a special recognition certificate.

11. Vacancies & Advisory Positions

Chair John Dalton gave an update. One advisory position and the GLBT representative are currently vacant.

12. Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Angelica Hibbs reported on the following:

Awarding the Special Recognition Certificate to Tucson Medical Center, TMC Women's and Children's center

Commissioner Raven Gaston reported on the following:

The Holocaust Museum is hosting a concert Sunday, February 10, 2019, at 11am at University of Arizona, Crowder Hall.

Chair John Dalton reported on the following:

Invitation by the Honorable Alfredo Molina, Consul of the Kingdom of Spain, to the January 16, 2019, meeting of the Arizona Consular Corps in Phoenix.

Presentation on February 5, 2019, of the Special Recognition Certificate to Tucson Medical Center, TMC Women's and Children's center.

February 28, 2019, Chair John Dalton will be meeting with the acting Ambassador to Burundi in Washington, D.C.

March 1, 2019, Chair John Dalton will be meeting with diplomats of the Japanese government in Washington, D.C.

February 20, 2019 Chair John Dalton will be meeting again with the Consular Corps of Arizona in Phoenix.

Commissioner Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported on the following:

The League of United Latin American Citizen's will be holding their annual Youth Leadership Conference at Pima Community College's West Campus. The conference banquet is scheduled for April 18th.

2. Approval of Summary Minutes: January 9, 2019

Note: Item taken out of order.

It was moved by Commissioner William Hibbs, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Commissioners Manuel Guzman and Maddy Urken absent), to approve the January 9, 2019 Summary Minutes.

13. Future Agenda Items - Information Only

- Subcommittee Restructuring and creation
- Working with Consulate General of El Salvador
- Testimony to United States Commission on Civil Rights
- Allocation of materials of Human Relations Commission

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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